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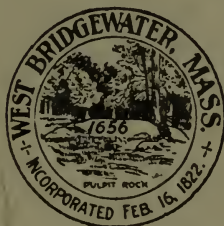
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**Town Officers and Committees**

**OF THE TOWN OF**

**WEST BRIDGEWATER**



**For the Year Ending December 31,**

**1940**

**SANDERSON BROTHERS**  
**NORTH ABINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

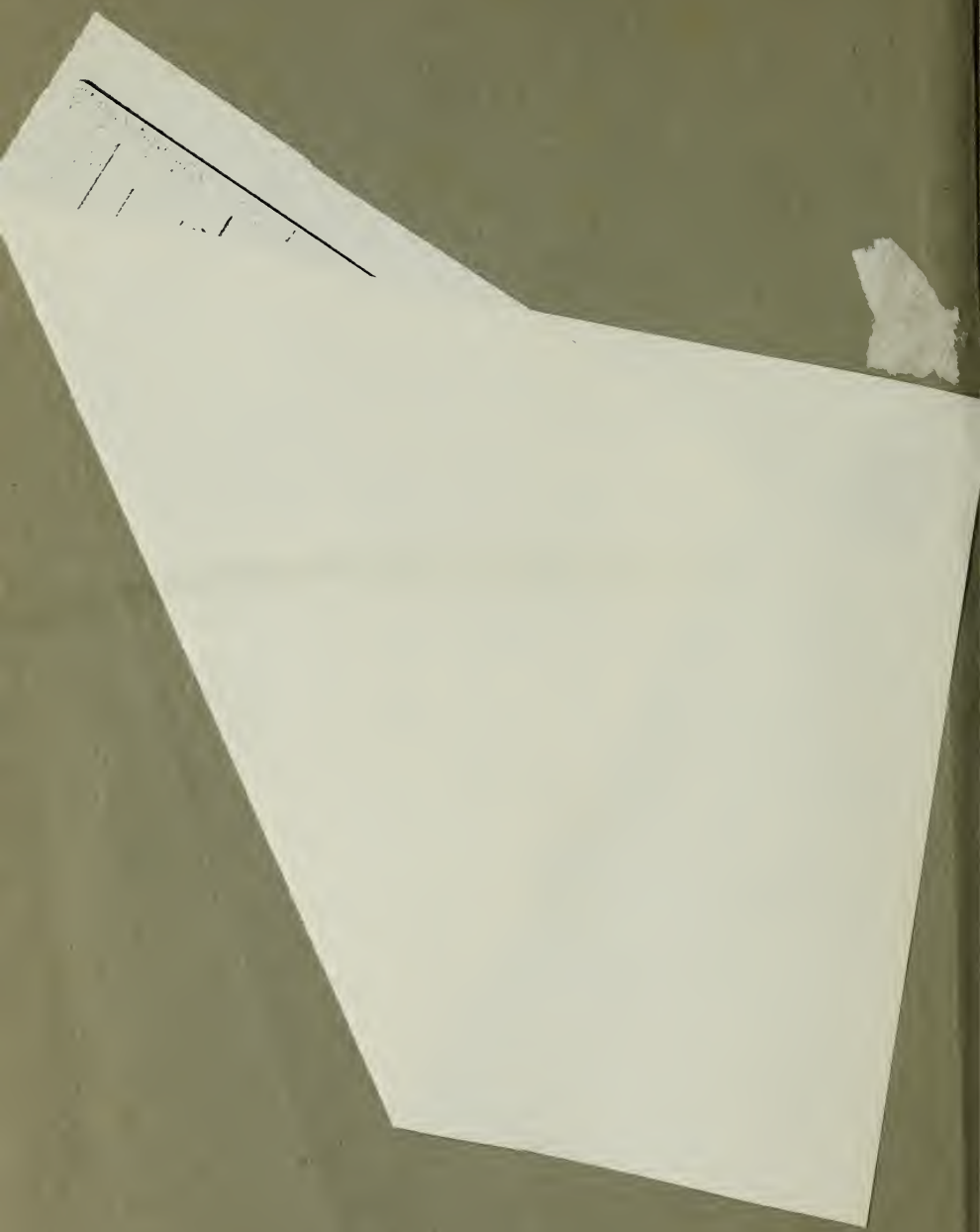
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**ERVIN WELLINGTON LOTHROP**

**Died October 17, 1940 at age 64**

Born in Bulwer, Province of Quebec, Canada, on April 10, 1876. Came to West Bridgewater in 1885, attending school, then later with a brief absence in Easton, returned and made his home here. Was a member of the Fire Department continuously. Under the late Chief Warren P. Laughton became a member of the Police Department as Patrolman, which position he held until he was promoted as Chief in 1936. When overtaken by illness in May, 1939 and when hope of recovery was uncertain, he resigned. He was of a quiet disposition, courageous in his duties and tactful in handling minor cases with sympathetic thought for those who may have violated the Law, and tempered his actions accordingly, choosing to advise and assist them rather than dim their self-respect with a court record.

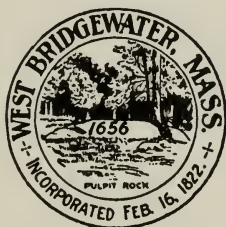
A reliable Officer and a valuable Citizen who will long be remembered.

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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1940

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## Moderator

Howard B. Wilbur

## Town Clerk

Herbert E. Bryant

## Town Accountant

Alice M. Dean

## Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Carl R. Pearson	1940	1943
James A. Hemenway	1939	1942
Joseph B. Porter	1938	1941

## Assessors

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Robert G. Dean	1940	1943
Edwin H. Thayer	1939	1942
William W. Phillips	1938	1941

## Treasurer

Orvis F. Kinney

## Tax Collector

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Walter C. Dunbar	1939	1942

## Trustees of Public Library

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Louis P. Hayden	1940	1943
Martha B. Mason	1940	1943
Ada M. Wood	1939	1942
Basil M. Soule	1939	1942
Edith F. Howard	1938	1941
Daniel J. Lothrop	1938	1941

**School Committee**

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Henry F. Woodward	1940	1943
Clare E. Parker	1940	1943
Harvey A. Scranton	1939	1942
George W. Hennessey	1939	1942
Lloyd P. Tyrer	1938	1941
Sherman H. Perkins	1938	1941

**Water Commissioners**

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Thomas B. Miles	1940	1943
George W. May	1939	1942
Hervey Dunham	1938	1941

**Tree Warden**  
Christopher Read

**Constables**

Edwin T. Gibson	Chester R. Ripley
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**Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark****By Appointment—Town Meeting**

Robert G. Dean	Albert A. Howard	Eben T. Wood
Chester R. Ripley	James A. Hemenway	

**Field Drivers**

Gordon K. Ross	George F. Ryder	Clinton P. Howard
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**Fence Viewers**

Albert A. Howard	Earl C. Gifford	Robert G. Dean
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**Finance Committee****Appointive**

	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>District Represented</i>
John E. Howard	1943	At Large
William W. Noyes	1943	North End
John C. Eldridge	1941	At Large
Arthur E. Ryder	1942	West End
Walter D. Crowley	1942	South End
John M. Richards	1941	East End
Alfred T. Wells	1941	Center

## OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

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**Superintendent of Streets**

George G. Tucker

**Chief of Fire Department**

Edward L. Bourne

**Deputy Chief of Fire Department**

Alphonse M. Braga

**Acting Chief of Police**

Chester R. Ripley

**Chief of Police**

P. Douglas Eaton

**Superintendent of Moth Work**

Christopher Read

**Forest Fire Warden**

Edward L. Bourne

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Christopher Read

**Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering**

David Dailey

**Dog Officer**

Chester R. Ripley

**Burial Agent**

Herbert E. Bryant

**Public Weighers**

Chester R. Ripley

George L. Perry

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

Alphonse M. Braga

Ervin W. Lothrop

Levi T. Nute

Gerald L. Wilbur

Christopher Read

**Registrars of Voters**

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Francis A. Mahoney	1940	1943
Paul Revere	1939	1942
John L. Sullivan	1938	1941

Herbert E. Bryant, Clerk

**Appointments for Special Police Duty**

The requirements of the Civil Service Department of the State exact that when assigning men to special police duty, their names be forwarded to their department for approval.

Men assigned to duty and receiving such approval during the year on various occasions are as follows:

Walter G. Eckstrom	Carl L. Newman
Francis J. Luddy	Gerald L. Wilbur
Harry D. Green	Edward G. Asack
Thomas F. Guinea	George N. Davis
Curtis W. Carrigan	Albert C. Snow
Warren C. Bolinder	Raymond C. Keith
J. Russell Hemenway	Frank H. Keay

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 4, 1940

A meeting duly warned of the inhabitants of West Bridgewater qualified to vote in election and Town affairs was held in the Town Hall at West Bridgewater, Monday, March 4, 1940, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and the following is a record of the doings of said meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard B. Wilbur, and after Article 1 of the Warrant had been read by the Town Clerk, that is to elect the following officers for the Town by ballot, the Moderator declared the meeting opened to elect the following: One Town Clerk for one year; one Moderator for one year; one Assessor for three years; one Selectman for three years; one Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one Treasurer for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years; two School Committee Members for three years; two Trustees of Public Library for three years; one Tree Warden for one year; and two Constables for one year.

The Election Officers were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk to the faithful performance of their duties and were as follows: Grace Keenan, Mary Pratt, Lulu Gardner, Eunice Logue, Blanche Carrigan, Helen Ross, Dorothy Eckstrom, Margaret Kent, Arthur Ryder, Joseph Porter, Albert Snow, Daniel Sullivan, John O'Shaughnessy and Edward Asack.

The ballot box was inspected by the police officer in charge and found to be empty. The register was then set at zero. One thousand two hundred and ten ballots were delivered to the Moderator by the Town Clerk and receipts given for same.

At nine o'clock a.m. the Moderator declared the polls open for casting ballots. At eight o'clock p.m. the Moderator declared the polls closed.

The Moderator with the police officer in charge counted the unused ballots and announced that the number of ballots cast, 755, tallied with the count of votes from the check list, also with the dial numbers shown on the ballot box.

The ballots having been counted, sorted, and computed, as is by law required, the Moderator then declared the vote.

**For Moderator**

Howard B. Wilbur	584
Scattered Votes	3
Blanks	168

Howard B. Wilbur was declared elected.

**For Selectmen**

Henry O. Davenport	226
Carl Raymond Pearson	519
Blanks	10

Carl Raymond Pearson was declared elected.

**For Town Clock**

Herbert E. Bryant	592
Scattered Votes	6
Blanks	157

Herbert E. Bryant was declared elected.

**For Board of Public Welfare**

Henry O. Davenport	221
Carl Raymond Pearson	515
Blanks	19

Carl Raymond Pearson was declared elected.

**For Board of Assessors, 3 years**

Robert G. Dean	620
Blanks	135

Robert G. Dean was declared elected.



**For Treasurer**

Orvis F. Kinney	659
Scattered Votes	3
Blanks	93

Orvis F. Kinney was declared elected.

**For Trustees of Public Library, 3 years**

Louis P. Hayden	589
Martha B. Mason	588
Scattered Votes	5
Blanks	328

Louis P. Hayden was declared elected.

Martha B. Mason was declared elected.

**For Two Members of School Committee, 3 years**

Walter E. Holyoke	245
Clare E. Parker	505
Henry F. Woodward	538
Scattered Votes	5
Blanks	217

Clare E. Parker was declared elected.

Henry F. Woodward was declared elected.

**For Water Commissioner, 3 years**

Thomas B. Miles	561
Joseph C. Piver	163
Blanks	31

Thomas B. Miles was declared elected.

**For Tree Warden, 1 year**

Christopher Read	644
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	110

Christopher Read was declared elected.



**For Constables, 1 year**

Edwin T. Gibson	371
Ervin W. Lothrop	349
Chester R. Ripley	591
Scattered Votes	9
Blanks	190

Edwin T. Gibson was declared elected.

Chester R. Ripley was declared elected.

After the result of the election was announced the Moderator swore the Town Clerk, Herbert E. Bryant, to the faithful performance of his office, and declared the meeting adjourned until March 13, 1940.

Town Officers sworn into office:

Moderator, Howard B. Wilbur, March 4, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Selectman, Carl Raymond Pearson, March 4, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Board of Public Welfare, Carl Raymond Pearson, March 4, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Committee, Henry F. Woodward, March 4, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Constable, Edwin T. Gibson, March 5, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Constable, Chester R. Ripley, March 5, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Treasurer, Orvis F. Kinney, March 5, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Assessor, Robert G. Dean, March 5, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Water Commissioner, Thomas B. Miles, March 6, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Chief of Fire Department, Edward L. Bourne, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Forest Fire Warden, Edward L. Bourne, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Christopher Read, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Tree Warden, Christopher Read, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Moth Superintendent, Christopher Read, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Superintendent of Streets, George G. Tucker, March 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering, David Dailey, March 18, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Dog Officer, Chester R. Ripley, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Town Accountant, Alice M. Dean, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Trustee of Public Library, Louis P. Hayden, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Trustee of Public Library, Martha B. Mason, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Committee, Clare E. Parker, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Board of Registrars, Frank Mahoney, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Public Weigher, Chester R. Ripley, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Public Weigher, George Perry, March 11, 1940 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

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#### ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 11, 1940

Following a vote taken at Annual Town Meeting held March 4, 1939, the adjourned meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard B. Wilbur. The reading of the articles in the warrant was upon vote waived.

## Article 2.

Voted to choose Town Officers not elected on the official ballot.

The following named were by vote of meeting chosen :

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—Robert G. Dean, Albert A. Howard, Chester R. Ripley, Eben T. Wood, James A. Hemenway.

Field Drivers—Clinton P. Howard, George F. Ryder, Gordon K. Ross.

Fence Viewers—Albert A. Howard, Robert G. Dean, Earl C. Gifford.

## Article 3.

To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Moved and carried that the reports be accepted.

## Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 5.

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

The following appropriations were upon motion and vote carried.

# **APPROPRIATIONS**

Moderator	\$25.00
Selectmen's Department	800.00
Accountant's Department	700.00
Treasurer's Department	1,300.00
Collector's Department	1,947.00
Assessors' Department	1,825.00
Other Finance Officers	25.00
Town Clerk's Department	620.00
Election and Registration	900.00
Law	25.00
Town Hall and Offices	2,800.00
Police Department	1,800.00
Dog Officer	35.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Hydrants	1,240.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Moth Suppression	2,000.00
Tree Warden's Department	700.00
Health and Sanitation	1,500.00
Inspection of Animals	100.00
Inspection of Slaughtering	100.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance	1,720.79
Highway Department	10,000.00
Road Machinery Account	1,600.00
Snow Removal	1,300.00
Street Lights	3,558.72
Public Welfare Administration	600.00
Public Welfare	13,000.00
Dependent Children Administration	45.00
Dependent Children	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance Administration	340.00
Old Age Assistance	13,000.00
State Aid	60.00

Soldiers' Relief	1,350.00
Military Aid	1,000.00
Soldiers' Burial	50.00
Library	1,240.00
School Department	50,000.00
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags and Parks	525.00
Memorial and Armistice Day Observance	200.00
Printing and Distributing Town Reports	340.70
Fire Insurance	538.10
Liability Insurance	704.50
Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus	2,000.00
Interest	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	100.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service	300.00
Finance Committee	15.00
Preserving Records	50.00
Federal Projects Account	5,000.00
Water Department Maintenance	12,000.00
Water Department Bonds and Interest	3,911.61
Sanitary Equipment, Sunset Avenue School	600.00
Addition to Town Hall Building	3,000.00
Clinic, Diphtheria	50.00
Street Light, South and River Streets	18.00
Street Light, Howard Seminary on Howard Street	18.00
Street Light, North Elm Street	18.00
Street Light, South Elm and River Streets	18.00
Street Light, North Main Street	18.00
Extension of pipe on West Center Street (from Water Surplus Revenue)	1,550.00
Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance	1,500.00



The Finance Committee recommended \$1,100.00 for the Treasurer's Department. Motion submitted by William E. Slade that the sum of \$1,300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Town Treasurer's Department. Upon voice vote, which was doubted, the Moderator called for vote by ballot. Upon same being taken the vote resulted in 168 Yes and 86 No. The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Moved: that the sum of Three Hundred Forty Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$340.70) be raised and appropriated to pay for printing and distributing 1939 Town Reports and Finance Committee pamphlets. Upon vote, this was carried.

#### Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State, County and Federal Government.

Moved: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State, County and Federal Government. Motion carried.

#### Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

Moved: that the Town appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for a clinic by the School physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria. Motion carried.

## Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to install one Electric Light at the corner of South Street and River Street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Arthur Ryder that this article and the following articles 9, 10, and 11 be considered under the motion to install street lights.

Upon vote the previous motion was carried.

## Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to install one Electric Light in front of the entrance driveway of the Howard Seminary on Howard Street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

## Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to install one Electric Light on North Elm Street halfway between Spring Street and Crescent Street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same. By petition.

## Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to install one Electric Light on South Elm Street on the third pole south of River Street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Moved: that the sum of \$72.00 be raised and appropriated to install street lights in the different locations as specified in the above articles. Motion was carried.

## Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to install one arc Electric Light on North Main Street opposite entrance to fire station and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.



After some discussion relative to type of light, the motion was made: to install a light same type as now in use at North line of Town Hall on North Main Street and raise and appropriate a sum of \$18.00 for the installation of same. Motion was carried.

#### Article 13.

To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Sections 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

Moved: that the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) be raised and appropriated for the use of the Trustees for Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture, and Clifford H. Carlson be chosen Town Director. Motion was carried.

#### Article 14.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,720.79 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

Moved: That the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Seventy-nine cents (\$1,720.79) be raised and appropriated for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85 of the General Laws. Motion was carried.

#### Article 15.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

Moved: That the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater. Motion was carried.

## Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$600.00 to install modern, adequate equipment in the Sunset Avenue School.

Moved: That a sum not exceeding Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for the installation of modern, adequate sanitary equipment in the Sunset Avenue School Building. Motion was carried.

## Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

Moved: That a sum of \$50.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of preserving the Town Records. Motion was carried.

## Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Federal Project Expenses.

Moved: That the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Federal Project Expenses. Motion was carried.

## Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build two rooms for Offices. The same to be annexed to the Town Hall Building.

Moved: That the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) be raised and appropriated to build an addition to the Town Hall Building to provide two additional offices. Motion was carried.

## Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue a sum of money to install six inch water main on West Center Street and any other extensions found necessary, to secure WPA labor.

Moved: That the sum of \$1550.00 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue of the Water Department for the purchase and installation of 6-inch water mains and necessary connections on West Center Street from the junction of Prospect Street approximately 885 feet easterly.

An amendment was made to this motion, viz:

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to install 6-inch water main on West Center Street and make other connections recommended by the Water Board.

Upon vote, the amendment was declared lost. The original motion was then voted upon and declared carried.

## Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

Moved: That the Assessors be and hereby are authorized and directed to use not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or a sum approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, from "Free Cash" toward the reduction of the 1940 tax rate. Motion was carried.

## Article 22.

To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$200.00 for the perpetual care of cemetery lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Fund to be known as the Mary Elizabeth Wilson Trust Fund.

On vote this motion was carried.

## Article 23.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was carried.

On April 26th, the following committee was chosen to appoint the Finance Committee: Frank Sanborn, Mason Alger, Edward L. Bourne, Clarence H. Thompson and Daniel Penpraese. The following were appointed to the Finance Committee: John E. Howard, delegate at large 3 years, William W. Noyes and John Eldridge.

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**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES, APRIL 30, 1940**

The Polls were open at 4:00 P. M. by the reading of the Warrant and the declaration of the Warden, James A. Hemenway.

The Ballot Box was inspected by the Police Officer in charge and the register was set at 00000.

At 8:00 P. M. the Warden declared the Polls closed and the register in the Ballot Box showed that 85 ballots had been cast.

The result of the Ballots cast showed the following:

**Democratic Party**

**Delegates at Large**

David I. Walsh	14
Paul A. Dever	13
John W. McCormack	14

Maurice J. Tobin	14
William H. Burke, Jr.	13
James M. Curley	14
Charles F. Hurley	13
Joseph B. Ely	14
Francis E. Kelly	13
Roger L. Putnam	13
William J. Foley	13
Alexander G. Lajoie	13
Blanks	19

#### Alternate Delegates at Large

Henry K. Cushing	13
Joseph A. Scolponeti	13
Elizabeth L. McNamara	13
Catherine E. Hanifin	13
Sadie H. Mulrone	13
Clementina Langone	14
Anna A. Sharry	13
Margaret M. O'Riordan	15
John Zielinski	13
Mary Maliotis	13
Michael J. Batal	13
Morris Kritzman	14
Blanks	20

#### District Delegates, Fifteenth District

Helen L. Buckley	14
August J. Cormier	13
Ralph Silva	13
Charles C. Paine	13
Blanks	7



## Alternate District Delegates, Fifteenth District

Henry L. Murphy	13
Amedee Gautreau	13
Michael Zajac	13
Timothy J. Manning	13
Blanks	8

## State Committee

Edward P. Neafsey	11
Anna Heath	7
Blanks	12

## Town Committee

Edward G. Asack	12
Walter Crowley	11
John Freeman	13
Grace Keenan	13
Francis J. Luddy	13
Henry J. Pomeroy	13
Daniel T. Sullivan	12
Walter Crowley, Jr.	1
Blanks	0

## Republican Party

## Delegates at Large, Group 1

William H. McMasters	19
Byron P. Hayden	16
Harry P. Gibbs	18
Selden G. Hill	16
Blanks	107

## Alternate Delegates at Large, Group 1

Abbie L. Tebbets	17
Berton S. Evans	17
Annie L. Brown	16
Lucius K. Thayer	17
Blanks	143

## Delegates at Large, Group 2

Leverett Saltonstall	26
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	27
Joseph W. Martin, Jr.	25
John W. Haigis	26
Blanks	0

## Alternate Delegates at Large, Group 2

Mary B. Besse	16
Orin S. Kenney	20
Mary Phillips Bailey	18
Irene Gowetz	16
Blanks	0

## District Delegates, Group 1

George F. Cobb	27
Joseph B. Porter	27
Blanks	64

## Alternate District Delegates, Group 1

Gertrude C. Rich	22
A. Florence Soule	22
Blanks	72

## District Delegates, Group 2

Vernon W. Marr	12
John A. Stitt	9
Blanks	0

## Alternate District Delegates, Group 2

Orrie C. Bumpus	14
Isabel K. Winsper	10
Blanks	0

## District Delegates, Not Grouped

Alfred M. Bassett	1
John M. Cawley	0
Blanks	0

## State Committee

Preston W. Howard	37
Leo F. Nourse	25
Louise A. Prince	24
Florence White	29
Blanks	25

## Town Committee

James A. Hemenway	56
Howard B. Wilbur	52
Orvis F. Kinney	63
William E. Slade	64
Albert C. Snow	63
Raleigh A. Holden	53
William Curtis, Jr.	59
Henry O. Davenport	53
Carl R. Pearson	61
Edith M. Blanchard	57
Lulu B. Gardner	59
Mary H. Pratt	51
Ethel M. Frellick	53
Jane Bartlett	51
Elizabeth C. Millet	52
Eunice M. Logue	63
Blanks	210

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8 P. M.

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ORGANIZATION OF REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
FOR 1940 - 1944

Chairman, Albert C. Snow—20 Forest Street	_____
Vice Chairman, Ethel M. Frellick—294 East Street	3443J
Secretary, Eunice M. Logue—455 West Center Street	571M2
Treasurer, Carl R. Pearson—148 West Street	7326M



## Other Members:

Jane Bartlett—104 North Elm Street	1971W
Mary H. Pratt—311 East Street	7521W
Elizabeth C. Millet—143 Copeland Street	1753W
Lulu B. Gardner—448 West Center Street	—
Edith M. Blanchard—76 South Elm Street	4091W
James A. Hemenway—35 Plain Street	2321M
Howard B. Wilbur—East Center Street	6437R
Orvis F. Kinney—448 North Elm Street	2418
William E. Slade—96 South Elm Street	3912R
Raleigh A. Holden—20 Walnut Street	919M3
William Curtis, Jr.—161 Howard Street	667W
Henry O. Davenport—18 Brooks Place	4196M

Signed, EUNICE M. LOGUE, *Secretary*.

I accept my election to the office of Treasurer of this Committee.

Signed, CARL R. PEARSON, *Treasurer*.

Dated June 4, 1940.

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On June 28th, 1940, the Selectmen met and appointed Percy Douglas Eaton as Chief of Police and William T. Gibson as Patrolman to become effective June 30th, 1940.

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### STATE PRIMARIES, SEPTEMBER 17, 1940

The polls were opened at 12:00 noon by the reading of the Warrant and declaration of the Warden, Joseph B. Porter.

The ballot box was inspected by the Police Officer in charge and the Register set at 0000.

At 8:00 P. M. the Warden declared the polls closed and the Register in the Ballot Box showed that 363 ballots had been cast.

The result of the Ballots was as follows:

**Republican Party**  
*Governor*

Leverett Saltonstall	300
Blanks	39

*Lieutenant Governor*

Horace T. Cahill	299
Blanks	40

*Secretary*

Frederic W. Cook	308
Blanks	31

*Treasurer*

William E. Hurley	300
Blanks	39

*Auditor*

Russell A. Wood	296
Blanks	43

*Attorney General*

Clarence A. Barnes	43
Robert T. Bushnell	48
William C. Crossley	20
Edmund R. Dewing	151
Michael A. Fredo	2
George W. Roberts	46
Blanks	29

*Senator in Congress*

Henry Parkman, Jr.	275
Blanks	64

*Congressman*

Charles L. Gifford	255
Harry L. Avery	31
William McAuliffe	19
Blanks	34

*Councillor*

Edgar S. Lindsay	155
Harold W. Jones	68
Fred W. Steele	84
Blanks	32

*Senator*

Charles G. Miles	303
Blanks	36

*Representative in General Court*

Leo F. Nourse	134
Charles W. Gardner	192
Robert Hutchinson	10
Blanks	3

*Registrar of Deeds*

Ralph B. Atwood	134
Edward C. Holmes	165
Blanks	40

*Clerk of Courts*

George C. P. Olsson	286
Blanks	53

*County Commissioner*

Frederic T. Bailey	248
Elva M. Bent	257
Frederick M. Barnicoat	67
Blanks	106

*Delegates to State Convention*

Jane H. Bartlett	261
Lulu B. Gardner	260
James A. Hemenway	249
Carl R. Pearson	253
Blanks	333

*Democratic Party**Governor*

Paul A. Dever	25
Francis E. Kelly	2
Blanks	2

*Lieutenant Governor*

John C. Carr	10
Owen A. Gallagher	9
Francis P. Kelley	5
Michael Phillip McCarron	0
Charles E. O'Neill	3
Raymond A. Willett, Jr.	0
Blanks	2

*Secretary*

Albert L. Fish	3
Katherine A. Foley	15
Arthur Michael MacCarthy	4
Albert E. Morris	4
Blanks	3

*Treasurer*

Ernest J. Brown	1
Patrick M. Cahill	4
Joseph W. Doherty	6
John J. Donahue	5
John J. McGrath	11
Blanks	2

*Auditor*

Thomas J. Buckley	18
Thomas P. Flaherty	1
William P. Husband, Jr.	4
Leo D. Walsh	3
Blanks	3

*Attorney General*

John H. Backus	2
James Henry Brennan	3
Thomas M. Burke	7
Joseph V. Carroll	1
Jeannette C. Chisholm	0
Joseph Finnegan	2
John W. Lyons	3
Edward A. Ryan	1
Harold W. Sullivan	8
Blanks	2

*Senator in Congress*

David I. Walsh	25
Blanks	4

*Congressman*

George F. Backus	22
Blanks	7

*Councillor*

Joseph P. Clark, Jr.	2
J. Dolan Hathaway	1
F. Milton McGrath	23
Blanks	3

*Senator*

Albert M. Heath	22
Blanks	7

*Representative in General Court*

Orvis Kinney	2
Earl W. Gay	1
Blanks	26

*Clerk of Courts*

Blanks	29
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*Registrar of Deeds*

Blanks	29
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*County Commissioner*

Blanks	29
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*Delegates to State Convention*

John Fallon	1
Grace Keenan	1
Walter Crowley, Jr.	1
Blanks	26

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P. M.

**REGISTRATION FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE, OCTOBER 16, 1940**

In keeping with the Federal conscription for Selective Service, the Board for registering was duly organized and sworn for faithful performance of their duty. The registration began at 7:00 A. M. on October 16th and closed at 9:00 P. M. on the same date.

Chief Registrar—George Wendell Hennessy

Asst. Registrar—Basil M. Soule

Asst. Registrar—John J. Kent, Jr.

Registrars: Walter C. Dunbar

Albert C. Snow

James C. Kinney

John C. Eldridge

Harold E. Garfield

Ernest A. Fongeallaz

Antone Sousa

William W. Noyes

J. Russell Hemenway

Walter E. Litchfield

Roger F. Tracy

There were 308 young men registered. All were from West Bridgewater, except for a few who lived elsewhere and could not reach their home town or city. There were a few West Bridgewater youths who registered elsewhere for the same reason. So far as we know, the work was performed without a single mistake, reflecting credit to the Board for their sincere appreciation of the requirements of their duty. Their services were of a patriotic contribution as no financial remuneration was authorized.



## STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1940

The polls were open at 8:00 A. M. by the reading of the Warrant and declaration of the Warden, James A. Hemenway.

The Ballot Box was inspected by the Police Officer in charge and the Register was set at 00000.

At 8:00 P. M. the Warden declared the Polls closed and the Register on the Ballot Box showed that 1529 ballots had been cast.

The voting showed the following results:

*President and Vice-President*

Aiken and Orange	1
Babson and Moorman	2
Browder and Ford	0
Roosevelt and Wallace	467
Thomas and Krueger	3
Willkie and McNary	1030
Blanks	26

*Governor*

Henning A. Blomen	7
Jeffrey W. Campbell	2
Paul A. Dever	464
Otis Archer Hood	3
E. Tallmadge Root	1
Leverett Saltonstall	1005
Blanks	47

*Lieutenant Governor*

Horace T. Cahill	1067
Hugo DeGregory	3
Owen A. Gallagher	364
Walter S. Hutchins	8
George L. McGlynn	3
Guy S. Williams	7
Blanks	77

*Secretary*

Frederic W. Cook	1145
Katherine A. Foley	302
Thomas F. P. O'Dea	4
Modestino Torra	7
Peter Warttainen, Jr.	6
Blanks	65

*Treasurer*

John J. Donahue	312
Henry Grossman	3
Thomas Hamilton	11
William E. Hurley	1111
Malcolm T. Rowe	6
Andrew Swenson	9
Blanks	77

*Auditor*

Arthur R. Buckley	10
Thomas J. Buckley	368
Charles H. Daniels	6
Bernard G. Kelly	6
Harry W. Kimball	7
Russell A. Wood	1059
Blanks	73

*Attorney General*

James Henry Brennan	338
Robert T. Bushnell	1098
Joseph C. Figueiredo	5
Austin H. Fittz	5
Charles R. Hill	8
Fred E. Oelcher	5
Blanks	70



*Senator in Congress*

Philip Frankfeld	2
Horace I. Hillis	5
George Lyman Paine	5
Henry Parkman, Jr.	914
George L. Thompson	12
David I. Walsh	545
Blanks	46

*Congressman*

George F. Backus	367
Charles L. Gifford	1086
Blanks	76

*Councillor*

Joseph P. Clark, Jr.	506
Edgar S. Lindsay	899
Blanks	124

*Senator*

Albert M. Heath	303
Charles G. Miles	1165
Blanks	61

*Representative in General Court*

Earl W. Gay	372
Leo F. Nourse	1074
Blanks	83

*Clerk of Courts*

George C. P. Olsson	1275
Blanks	254

*Registrar of Deeds*

Edward C. Holmes	1254
Blanks	275

*County Commissioners*

Frederic T. Bailey	1073
Elva M. Bent	1187
Blanks	798

*Liquor Questions*

## Question No. 1—All Alcoholic Beverages

Yes	614
No	661
Blanks	254

## Question No. 2—Wines and Malt Beverages

Yes	629
No	577
Blanks	323

## Question No. 3—All Alcoholic Beverages in Packages

Yes	637
No	561
Blanks	331

*Public Policy Questions*

## Question No. 1—Old Age Assistance

Yes	927
No	236
Blanks	366

## Question No. 2—State Lottery

Yes	753
No	408
Blanks	368

**MEETING OF TOWN CLERKS, NOVEMBER 15, 1940**

As per statutes, Chapter 54, Art. 124, the Town Clerks of this district returned the vote for Representative, 5th District, on Friday, November 15, 1940 at the office of Town Clerk at Bridgewater, as follows:

**EAST BRIDGEWATER**

Earl W. Gay, of Whitman	537
Leo F. Nourse, of Bridgewater	1214
Blanks	119

**WEST BRIDGEWATER**

Earl W. Gay, of Whitman	372
Leo F. Nourse, of Bridgewater	1074
Blanks	83

## WHITMAN

Earl W. Gay, of Whitman	1811
Leo F. Nourse, of Bridgewater	2160
Blanks	274

## BRIDGEWATER

Earl W. Gay, of Whitman	1181
Leo F. Nourse, of Bridgewater	1581
Blanks	178

## TOTAL VOTE OF DISTRICT

Earl W. Gay, of Whitman	3901
Leo F. Nourse, of Bridgewater	6029
Blanks	654
Total Number of Ballots	10584

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November 20, 1940.

This is to certify that on this date, we have perambulated the Town line between West Bridgewater and Bridgewater in accordance with Chapter 42, Section 2.

James A. Hemenway	Leo F. Nourse
Joseph B. Porter	Walter E. Rhoades
	Bart F. Casey
Board of Selectmen,	Board of Selectmen,
West Bridgewater,	Bridgewater,
Massachusetts.	Massachusetts.

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## STATE ELECTION RECOUNT

Recount of Ballots for the State Election was held in the Town Hall on Friday, November 29th, 1940 from 9:00 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

The recount was for Governor. Two Ballots, no doubt intended for Saltonstall, were questioned and allowed as blanks. There were no other changes made.

Final correct count for Saltonstall	1003
Final corrected count for Dever, no change	464

## Local Recount:

On Liquor question—no change.

On Wine and Beer question—no change.

Hugh W. McLaughlin of Brockton

Clarence A. McLaughlin of Brockton

Representing Republican Candidate

Daniel L. Kelleher, Jr. of Brockton

T. A. Mantalos of Brockton

Representing Democratic Candidate

## Local Recount on License Question:

Bernard Ferrini, West Bridgewater

O. Philip Pearson, West Bridgewater

Representing License Interests

December 4, 1940.

This is to certify that on December 4, 1940, we, the undersigned members of the Boards of Selectmen of the Towns of West Bridgewater and East Bridgewater, did perambulate the lines between said towns and an examination of the corner stones was made and marks thereon renewed, said perambulation having been made in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 42 of the General Laws.

James A. Hemenway,

Joseph B. Porter,

Carl R. Pearson,

Board of Selectmen,  
West Bridgewater, Mass.

Michael J. McCarthy,

Frank E. Leslie,

Edgar W. Dickinson,

Board of Selectmen,  
East Bridgewater, Mass.

HERBERT E. BRYANT,

*Town Clerk.*

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS IN WEST BRIDGEWATER, 1940

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
March		
15	Rosann Kirkell	Charles A. and Grace Dorothy Silveria
24	Betty Lois Finch	James C. and Lelia May Holyoke
28	Illegitimate	
June		
1	Henry Chase Bradford, Jr.	Henry Chase and Marguerite L. Ruggles
July		
8	David Warren Grippen	Charles S. and Mildred A. Pratt
9	William Everett Morse	George and Phyllis Cooney
14	John Bettencourt	Joseph and Annamay Donnell
September		
18	Joan Eliza Norris	John Henry and Evelyn Dorothy Sylvia
December		
3	Arlene Ann Chaves	Amos and Mary Adeline Rezendes
11	Judith Ellen Ryder	Raymond H. and Gertrude M. Alger

BIRTHS ELSEWHERE TO WEST BRIDGEWATER PARENTS,  
1940

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
February		
23	Virginia Claire North	Wilfred Ward and Lucille M. Coleman
26	Gail Anne Johnstone	William Joseph and Janice A. Planta
March		
3	Thomas Joseph Hayes	Thomas Joseph and Doris Mead
19	Roland Clinton Ashley	Roland Albert and Ruth Vivien Bolster
30	Sandra Jean Perry	Lester Burgess and Elsi Marie Gustafson
April		
9	Donald Edward Seager	John Edward and Harriet Catherine Beach
10	Suzanne Charlotte Holt	Charles Joseph and Sophie Susan Washwell
14	Bernice Emelia Simono	Frank Edward and Angelina J. Gagnon
14	Lawrence Meredith Soule, Jr.	Lawrence Meredith and Dorothy E. Williams
27	Janice Irene Taylor	Howard Baylis and Myrtle Alma Turner
May		
1	Rosalyn May Berkowitz	Joseph and Sadie Kushner
3	Geoffrey Connell Stokes	William J. and Ruth Corkery
5	Judith Lee Penpraese	George H. and Violet Mae Peabody
16	Jane Allen Foye	Allan B. and Gertrude Howard
24	Arthur Albion Kinsman	Arthur A. and Kathryn P. Sullivan

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<b>June</b>		
3	Carolyn Mary Demers	Rodman Clifford and Viola Edna Dutra
3	Doris Marlene Hayden	Alfred Austin and Elizabeth Arlene Drew
14	Harry Daniel Greene	Harry D. and Capitola G. Nelson
<b>July</b>		
4	Thomas Edward Sullivan	Thomas Edward and Helen M. Starr
4	June Elaine Carlin	Robert Gould and Mildred S. Cole
16	Elizabeth Ann Berry	Charles Curtis and Eleanor Callahan
17	Edward Sydney Moses	Harrison Chase and Gertrude Lillian Chubbuck
29	David Poirier	Joseph R. and Doris M. Owens
31	Priscilla Jane Young	Everett Ernest and Hazel Florence Pearson
<b>August</b>		
11	Richard Arnold Anderson	Wesley Carl A. and Florence E. Kerr
13	Ronald Prescott Snell	Horace Royal and Marion Frances Kinney
14	Anthony Frank DeMolles	Anthony and Julia Alksninis
16	Charles Thomas Farrell, 3rd	Charles Thomas and Margaret Rose Caron
<b>September</b>		
21	Richard Francis Martin	John Francis and Edna May Turley
<b>October</b>		
18	Theodore Anthony MacHardy	George F. and Elizabeth Hanlon
23	Lorraine Ann Wager	Joseph Henry and Emily Silva
29	Phillip Edward Comlin	Chester Edward and Ann M. Doherty
<b>November</b>		
13	Stillborn	
15	Dennis Edward Hurley	Merle Stewart and Mary E. Byrne
<b>December</b>		
10	Russell Adrian Coelho	Anthony Peter and Angelina P. Braga
12	Russell Harris Baker	George Elwyn and Virgie B. Philbrook
18	Leslie Edward Bryant	Elmer Frances and Olga Cheyunski
23	Joanne Pacheco	Joseph Viera and Dorothy Frances Sanders
25	Barbara Ann Sylvia	Warren Joseph and Leonis M. Final
31	Bradford Alger Nickerson	Kenneth Crosby and Constance Alger

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<b>January</b>		
5	Carol Lorraine Holyoke	Olin D. and Dorothy E. Dearth
22	Shirley Louise Porter	Ernest and Charlotte E. Dearing
<b>December</b>		
19	Russell Charles Lindskog	Charles Elof and Grace Miriam Reed

HERBERT E. BRYANT,

*Town Clerk.*



## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1940

- Jan. 18 Francis L. MacLean of West Bridgewater and Juanita Hewett of Fremont, New Hampshire, at Newburyport, by Rev. Harry Grimes.
- Jan. 23 Charles Sumner Dearing, Jr. of Brockton and Dorothy Elizabeth Larson of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. F. Alvin Cheever.
- Jan. 28 Charles Laird Parker of West Bridgewater and Barbara Elizabeth Bruce of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.
- Feb. 3 Lloyd E. Carlson of Brockton and Muriel M. Clark of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Lester W. Kellie.
- Feb. 21 Raymond Conant Keith of West Bridgewater and Elinor Frances Horigan of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Jeremiah J. Minihan
- Feb. 22 Earle Leslie Horton of Brockton and Evelyn May Phillips of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Francis P. Randall.
- Feb. 24 Joseph Anthony Francis of Bristol, Rhode Island, and Bessie May Davis of West Bridgewater, at South Boston, by Rev. John S. Kearns.
- Feb. 25 Fred Brown Bisbee of West Bridgewater and Ina E. Parker of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Orville E. Crain.
- Mar. 3 Charles Curtis Berry of West Bridgewater and Eleanor Chalmers Coughlan of Hingham, at Hingham, by Rev. Daniel S. Sheerin.
- Mar. 8 Lyle J. Farnum of West Bridgewater and Alice N. Waitt of West Bridgewater, at Bridgewater, by Rev. David R. Hunter.

- Apr. 21 LaForest H. Wilbur of West Bridgewater and Marjorie Ruth Lovell of East Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Gordon C. White.
- Apr. 24 Charles Gilbert Pettengill of Brockton and Clara Frances Perry of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- May 19 Carlo G. Gallerani of Bridgewater and Phyllis M. Height of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- June 5 George Lemonis of Brooklyn, New York, and Mary Barboza of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- June 19 George Lester Ekman of Brockton and Ruth Olive Anderson of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- June 22 Donald A. Martin of South Braintree and Doris E. Chadwick of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. F. Burton Long.
- June 29 John F. Andre of West Bridgewater and Helena M. Hannant of Raynham, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- June 29 Joseph Viera Pacheco of West Bridgewater and Dorothy F. Sanders of Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Charles E. Beals.
- June 29 Rocco Puopolo of Avon and Sadie Annie Asack of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Aug. 11 Felix Augustine Cheyunski of West Bridgewater and Olga Carolyn Piscukas of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Joseph C. Petruskas.
- Aug. 11 Herman Otto Parry of West Bridgewater and Mary Helen Mack of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Joseph W. Kenney.



- Aug. 24 Peter William Zion of Bridgewater and Kathleen Marshall Edmonston of West Bridgewater, at Bridgewater, by Rev. John Rosengrant.
- Aug. 28 Harvey Edward Beach of Brockton and Doris Julia Hammarberg of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.
- Aug. 29 Willard I. Soule of West Bridgewater and Lorraine Weygand of Taunton, at Taunton, by Rev. LeRoy G. Allen.
- Aug. 31 Arnold Ervin Harriman of New York, New York and Pearl Adeline Nichols of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Sept. 1 Wallis Alger Bolster of Easton and Dorothy Daisy Corkum of Easton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Sept. 2 Thomas Harold O'Brien of Brockton and Mary Carolyn Frummerin of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Sept. 6 Adam Turski of West Bridgewater and Ruth Levy of Bridgewater, at Taunton, by Henry L. Galipeau, Justice of the Peace.
- Sept. 21 Leroy Francis Joseph of Nantucket and Ida Elizabeth Colby of Nantucket, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Oct. 12 Thomas Francis Kemp of Bridgewater and Gladys Elizabeth Parker of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Oct. 19 John Thomas of Halifax and Mary Ann Isabel of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.

- Oct. 20 Carl Tartaglia of West Bridgewater and Elsie May Cooney of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond G. Gordon.
- Oct. 21 George Wilson Dearing of Brockton and Alice Marie Larson of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. F. Alvin Cheever.
- Oct. 22 William Francis Dacey of Braintree and Dorothy Rita Frazier of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by J. Albert Sullivan, Justice of the Peace.
- Nov. 2 Loring Byron Anderson of West Bridgewater and Ruth Eleanor Keith of Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Nov. 3 Robert Tilden Katwick of Easton and Mary Patricia Lortie of Boston, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Nov. 9 Stanley Oscar Carlson of West Bridgewater and Olive Janet Hargreaves of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Nov. 17 George B. Nye of West Bridgewater and Marion Edith Walker of Brockton, at Halifax, by Rev. Warren A. Leonard.
- Nov. 21 Edward William Howard Lagerstedt of Brockton and Signe Viola Peterson of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Harold O. Worcester.
- Nov. 23 Roy Stanley Swanson of West Bridgewater and Elinor Louise Costa of Wollaston, at Quincy, by Rev. Victor V. Sawyer.
- Nov. 28 Edward W. Mathews of Lawrence and Ethel M. Johnson of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.

- Nov. 30 Walter Souza of West Bridgewater and Helen Hunter of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Dec. 8 Ian Oliphant Denton of Ashland and Priscilla Grover Wood of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Roydon C. Leonard.
- Dec. 28 William Thomas of Halifax and Georgianna Barbara Isabel of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.

#### MARRIAGES OUT OF STATE

- Sept. 17 Francis Edward DeCouto of North Easton and Edna Frances Badger of West Bridgewater, at Salem, New Hampshire.

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Town Clerk.*

## DEATHS RECORDED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER, 1940

Date	Name	Age			Cause
		Y.	M.	D.	
January					
4	Margaret Cowan	89	10	22	Cerebral Hemorrhage, Terminal Pneumonia
4	John Kugis	65	6	0	Heart Disease, presumably Coronary Thrombosis
5	Gustave Frederick Peterson	43	7	27	Internal Hemorrhage
27	Anthony E. Nelson	62	1	28	Diabetes Melatus
23	Clara F. Wood	83	10	0	Myocardial Insufficiency
February					
10	Donald Howard Piver	12	3	6	Appendicitis Acute, Peritonitis
April					
17	Thomas Hennessey	69	2	14	Acute Septicemia
30	Margaret E. Sullivan	65	6	29	Arteriosclerosis
May					
4	Albert L. Washburn	61	1	0	Coronary Occlusion
11	Mary Perry	81	7	29	Chronic Passive Congestion
15	George S. Washburn	73	2	6	Coronary Thrombosis
June					
24	Frederick Nahum Pillsbury	56	1	6	Nephritis
July					
9	Jennie Una Browne	67	3	29	Coronary Disease
11	Frank Anshlem Peterson	49	3	9	Carcinoma Stomach
August					
9	Jessie I. Purdy	79	11	17	General Arteriosclerosis
September					
2	Herbert Chester Fish	85	3	27	Cardiac Decompensation, Myocarditis
8	Arthur Roy	57	6	3	Probable Coronary Occlusion
23	William S. Irwin	73	4	23	Edema of Lungs, Cardio Renal Disease
28	Leslie H. Hall	81	11	23	Uraemia
28	Edward Francis Ford	16	2	21	Chronic Pyelonephritis
October					
17	Ervin W. Lothrop	64	6	7	Cerebral Hemorrhage, Arteriosclerosis, Hypertension
19	Hattie R. Evrard	57	6	4	Probable Secondary Malignant Growth of Abdominal Organs
26	Manuel Correira Mederios	66	11	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
28	Helen Frances Bartlett	66	3	21	Chronic Myocarditis, Arteriosclerosis

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>			<i>Cause</i>
		<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	
November					
10	Dora G. Miles	80	3	27	Heart Disease, Angina Pectoris
13	Stillborn	—	—	—	
15	Matilda Covezoli	48	9	0	Heart Failure
16	Edward T. Churchill	69	6	28	Heart Failure
December					
7	Everett Stephen Vosmus	84	5	16	Pyloric Obstruction
8	Marion Frances Richards	47	2	5	Multiple Sclerosis, Myocarditis
9	Francis James McFadden	45	8	11	Acute Pulmonary Edema
10	Bridget McMenamen	84	9	19	Hemiplegia, Arteriosclerosis
11	Joseph J. Braga	64	2	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
14	Walter C. Williams	45	8	14	Sudden Heart Failure
16	Anna Elizabeth Winberg	64	3	29	Myocarditis with Decompensation

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Town Clerk.*

ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 46 OF THE GENERAL  
LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth giving the street number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in the city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6. Parents, within FORTY DAYS after the birth of a child, and every householder within FORTY DAYS after a birth in his house, SHALL cause notice thereof to be given to the CLERK of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3, shall, so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Section 8. A parent, or other person who, by section 6, is required to give, or cause to be given, notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for TEN DAYS after the time limit therefor, shall forfeit not more than five dollars for each offence.

Section 24. The Town Clerk shall furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.



## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1940

Male	237 @ \$2.00	\$474.00
Female	44 @ 5.00	220.00
Spayed Female	80 @ 2.00	160.00
	<hr/> 361	<hr/> \$854.00
Less Clerk's Fees	361 @ \$ .20	72.20
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Paid During Year to County Treasurer		\$781.80

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Town Clerk.*

## FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1940

Resident Fishing Licenses	49 @ \$ 2.00	\$ 98.00
Resident Hunting Licenses	68 @ 2.00	136.00
Resident Sporting Licenses	19 @ 3.25	61.75
Resident Female or Minor Fishing Licenses	7 @ 1.25	8.75
Resident Minor Trapping Licenses	2 @ 2.25	4.50
Resident Trapping Licenses	6 @ 5.25	31.50
Non-Resident Hunting Licenses	1 @ 10.25	10.25
	<hr/> 152	<hr/> \$350.75
Less Clerk's Fees	152 @ \$ .25	38.00
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		\$312.75
Resident Sporting Licenses Free	5 Free	
Duplicate Licenses	1 @ \$ .50	.50
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Whole Number Issued	158	
Paid to Fish and Game Division		\$313.25

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Town Clerk.*



## LIST OF JURORS APPROVED JULY 1, 1940

<i>Name</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Aldrich, Ira F.,	22 Emerson Ave.	Laborer
Anderson, Elmer,	218 East St.	Farmer
Atwood, Byron J.,	97 Prospect St.	Farmer
Ballsdon, William E.,	522 Manley St.	Engineer
Carlson, Clifford,	59 Brooks Pl.	Farmer
Cheyunski, Felix,	763 W. Center St.	Dairyman
Conant, Herbert,	35 Roosevelt Ave.	Laborer
Crowley, Daniel F.,	409 Walnut St.	Milkman
Davenport, Henry O.,	18 Brooks Pl.	Grain Dealer
Davis, George N.,	384 North Elm St.	Shoemaker
Eaton, Douglas,	16 Hillside Ave.	Iceman
Eldridge, John C.,	205 West Center	Chemist
Hagglund, Arvid,	61 Howard	Janitor
Harlow, Elmer,	10 Cross	Shoemaker
Hemenway, James A.,	35 Plain	Mill Owner
Holmberg, Fred W.,	493 West Center	Shoemaker
Holmgren, Ernest,	52 Commonwealth Ave.	Serviceman
Knight, Harry R.,	556 North Elm	Jeweler
Leavitt, Winfield C.,	70 North Main	Bookkeeper
Lothrop, Leon A.,	62 Sunset Ave.	Printer
MacDonald, Robert,	256 South Elm	Electrician
Macomber, William H.,	102 West Center	Painter
Maxim, George,	23 Plain	Manager
Newman, Carl,	364 Walnut	Mason
Noyes, William W.,	455 Spring	Oil Merchant
Parker, Clare E.,	17 Walnut	Adv. Mgr.
Payne, Carlton S.,	26 Arch	Credit Manager
Pearson, Carl R.,	148 West	Cement Vault Worker
Perkins, Faelton C.,	96 Howard	Manufacturer
Perkins, Sherman H.,	210 North Elm	Executive
Richards, Howard M.,	196 Howard	Clerk

Ross, Gordon K., 12 Central Square	Iceman
Taylor, Howard, 395 Spring	Last Maker
Tracy, Roger, 45 Howard	Salesman
Tuck, Josiah, 192 Spring	Printer
Warner, Lloyd F., 3 Prospect	Asst. Manager
White, Charles H., 17 Central Sq.	Truckman
Wilbur, Howard, 35 East Center	Lawyer
Willis, Lawrence, 21 Crescent	Surveyor
Wood, Eben, 145 Spring	Poultryman

#### LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR DUTY, 1940

Carl Broman	Joseph B. Porter
Clifford Carlson	Lloyd Staples
George Maxim	Roger Tracy
Lloyd P. Tyrer	

## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Total Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting held March 11, 1940 .....	\$152,860.63
Appropriations at Special Town Meetings ...	None
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Total Appropriations made since 1939 Rate was fixed .....	152,860.63
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State Tax 1940 .....	8,320.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax 1940 .....	131.93
State Audit .....	223.20
County Tax 1940 .....	5,600.32
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment .....	1,720.79
Overlay .....	3,789.20
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Total .....	\$172,646.07
Less Total Estimated Receipts .....	60,285.10
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	\$112,360.97
Less Amount Taken from Available Funds	13,568.66
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	\$98,792.31
Less Poll Taxes (1104 at \$2.00) .....	2,208.00
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxes on Property .....	\$96,584.31
Poll Taxes Assessed Subsequently .....	4.00

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons, Partnerships, Corporations, etc., assessed:

On Personal Estate Only .....	107
On Real Estate Only .....	899
On Both Personal and Real Estate .....	85
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Total Number Assessed .....	1,091
Number of Male Polls Assessed .....	1,104

## Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock in Trade .....	\$ 9,935.00
Machinery .....	37,222.00
Live Stock .....	82,376.00

## All other Tangible Personal

Property .....	268,270.00
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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate..... \$397,803.00

## Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land .....	\$664,444.00
Buildings .....	2,157,230.00

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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate..... 2,821,674.00

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Total Value of All Assessed Property.....\$3,219,477.00

Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 ..... \$30.00

## Tax for all Purposes Spread as Follows:

On Polls .....	\$2,208.00
On Personal Estate .....	11,934.09
On Real Estate .....	84,650.22

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Total Taxes Assessed ..... \$98,792.31

Number of Horses Assessed ..... 87

Number of Cows Assessed ..... 842

Number of Yearlings, Bulls, and Heifers As-  
sessed ..... 126

Number of Swine Assessed ..... 26

Number of Fowl Assessed ..... 24,775

Number of Goats Assessed ..... 4

Number of Dwellings Assessed ..... 871

Number of Acres of Land Assessed..... 9,028

**EXEMPTED PROPERTY****Real Estate****Trustees of The Howard Funds in West**

Bridgewater .....	\$104,650.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society .....	16,000.00
Baptist Society .....	5,500.00
Methodist Episcopal Society .....	7,225.00
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston.....	21,100.00
Sunset Ave. Congregational Society.....	4,500.00
Unitarian Society .....	11,000.00
Cemeteries (privately owned) .....	4,540.00
Town Hall and Lot .....	19,500.00
Fire Station .....	2,000.00
Library Building .....	2,200.00
School Department (Land and Buildings)....	56,700.00
Park System .....	8,700.00
Cemeteries (Town owned) .....	600.00
Various Lots owned by the Town.....	6,830.00
Property of the Commonwealth .....	2,523.00

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Total Value of Exempted Real Estate..... \$273,568.00

**Personal Property****Trustees of The Howard Funds in West**

Bridgewater .....	\$5,000.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society .....	4,000.00
Public Library .....	3,000.00
School Department .....	5,000.00
Town Hall and Offices .....	3,000.00
Fire Department .....	15,000.00
Water Department .....	152,000.00
Sealer's Department .....	250.00
Moth Department .....	2,000.00

Tree Warden's Department .....	100.00
Police Department .....	500.00
Highway Department .....	4,000.00

Total Value Exempted Personal Property \$193,850.00

Total Value All Exempted Property..... 467,418.00

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	<i>No. of Cars</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Tax</i>
1939 Taxes Committed			
January 20, 1940	21	\$ 8,560.00	\$ 59.60
1st Commitment, Mar. 11, '40	710	109,250.00	4,050.15
2nd Commitment, June 24, '40	265	57,690.00	1,930.38
3rd Commitment, Sept. 11, '40	151	31,950.00	796.25
4th Commitment, Oct. 22, '40	61	15,490.00	292.05
5th Commitment, Nov. 22, '40	71	28,340.00	324.87
6th Commitment, Dec. 23, '40	41	14,520.00	133.42
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	1320	\$265,800.00	\$7,586.72
Average Assessed Value per Car			\$201.36
Average Excise per Car			5.75

EDWIN H. THAYER,  
ROBERT G. DEAN,  
WILLIAM W. PHILLIPS,  
*Board of Assessors.*



## LIST OF TAXPAYERS, 1940

## Persons Paying Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes

Ahearn, John P. & Edward Kenneally, Whitman	\$2.25
Alden, C. Gordon, 616 No. Elm	2.00
Alden, William O., 616 No. Elm	101.75
Aldrich, Ira F., 22 Emerson Ave.	88.25
Alexander, Alexander G., 325 So. Elm	182.00
Alexander, Arom B., 325 So. Elm	2.00
Alexander, Garobed A., 325 So. Elm	2.00
Alexander, Paul, 75 Bryant	2.00
Alexander, Paul & Dorothy F., 75 Bryant	4.50
Alexander, William H., 325 So. Elm	2.00
Alger, Corelli, 329 Pleasant	181.50
Alger, Corelli et al, 329 Pleasant	16.20
Alger, Dorothy T., 90 Howard	93.00
Alger, Edith, 78 Woodland Rd.	20.25
Alger, Edith M., 217 No. Elm	174.00
Alger, Frank W., Eastondale	40.65
Alger, George C., 480 West Center	2.00
Alger, Herbert W., 217 North Elm	7.25
Alger, Ida M., 170 North Elm	64.50
Alger, Mason W., 90 Howard	41.15
Alger, Milton W. et al, Brockton	3.75
Alger, Nathan A., South Easton	98.70
Alger, Nathan J., South Easton	47.85
Alger, Thomas H., 269 Matfield	2.00
Alger, Thomas H. & Madge, 269 Matfield	79.50
Alkins, John, 373 South Elm	2.00
Allard, Nellie A., 14 Sinnott	70.50
Allen, Harold E., 81 Walnut	2.00
Allen, Harold E. & Florence L., 81 Walnut	70.50
Allen, Henry F., 71 Thayer	2.00
Allen, Ida M. S., 71 Thayer	56.25
Allen, Lana D., 33 High	33.75
Almquist, George O., 149 Copeland	2.00
Almquist, George O. & Margie E., 149 Copeland	76.50
Alves, Joseph C., c/o J. J. Braga, 572 No. Elm	148.65
American Tel. & Tel. Co., Boston	30.00

Ames, Catherine E., 322 Manley	45.75
Ames, Charles F., 40 North Main	2.00
Ames, Charles F. & Mildred E., 40 North Main	110.25
Ames, James A., 328 Manley	42.20
Ames, William N., 507 Manley	2.00
Ames, William N. & Hildegard W., 507 Manley	67.80
Anbinder, Rose, Dorchester	43.50
Anderson, Aaron, 218 East	2.00
Anderson, Aaron & Anders, 218 East	22.80
Anderson, Anders, 218 East	2.00
Anderson Bros., 218 East	379.80
Anderson, Carl H., 373 Matfield	147.80
Anderson, Carl W., 391 North Elm	2.00
Anderson, Carl W. & Olga E., 391 North Elm	105.00
Anderson, Carl Y., 31 Vital Ave.	2.00
Anderson, Carl Y. & Laura E., 31 Vital Ave.	33.75
Anderson, Elizabeth P., 201 Howard	214.50
Anderson, Elmer L., 218 East	2.00
Anderson, Eskil, 2 Lincoln	2.00
Anderson, Eskil V. & Anna A., 2 Lincoln	114.75
Anderson, G. Adolph, 201 Howard	22.25
Anderson, Henry R., 220 West Center	2.00
Anderson, Howard A., 201 Howard	3.80
Anderson, Ida C., Dorchester	7.50
Anderson, John R., 34 South Elm	2.00
Anderson, Loring B., 373 Matfield	2.00
Anderson, Margaret F., 34 South Elm	56.25
Anderson, Paul, 2 Lincoln	2.00
Anderson, Robert E., 373 Matfield	2.00
Anderson, Wesley A., 43 Belmont	2.00
Andrade, Antone J., 45 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Andre, Frank, 238 Forest	2.00
Andre, John F., 20 Cross	2.00
Andre, Joseph J., 499 West Center	2.00
Andre, Mary, 20 Cross	70.50
Andre, Weston J., 499 West Center	2.00
Andrews, Albert M., East Bridgewater	4.50
Andrews, Cecil N., 109 Spring	26.00
Andrews, Cecil N. & Mildred W., 109 Spring	102.00

Andrews, Charles D., 84 Maolis Ave.	65.75
Andrews, David, 84 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Andrews, George E., 75 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Andrews, Henry E., 75 Maolis Ave.	58.25
Andrews, Lawrence, 246 Matfield	2.00
Arnone, James V., 40 Walnut	72.00
Aronson, Aron R. & Martha E., 74 Belmont	55.80
Aronson, Gustaf L., 74 Belmont	5.25
Aronson, Ragnar A., 74 Belmont	2.00
Arvidson, Albert E., 431 North Elm	2.00
Arvidson, Elsie E., 431 North Elm	107.25
Arvidson, Warren A., 431 North Elm	2.00
Asack, Edward G., 166 South	14.00
Asack, Edward G. & Louise M., 166 South	150.00
Asack, Fred B., Bolton Place	44.25
Asack, George P., 15 Brooks Place	2.00
Asack, Libby P., 15 Brooks Place	155.25
Asack, Michael B., Bolton Place	4.25
Asack, Patrick J., 397 West Center	2.00
Asack, Paul G., 15 Brooks Place	2.00
Asack, Sophie, 397 West Center	212.70
Ashley, Roland A., 480 West	2.00
Atwood, Byron J., 197 West Center	2.00
Atwood, Carlton I., 272 North Elm	111.00
Atwood, Theodore F., 197 West Center	2.00
Austin, Minnie B. & Wilbur S., 516 North Elm	97.50
Austin, Wilbur S., 516 North Elm	2.00
Bachelder, Herbert L., 720 North Main	2.00
Bachelder, Herbert L. & Ethel, 720 North Main	82.50
Backstrom, Axel, 22 Shaw Ave.	117.50
Backstrom, Eldon M., 22 Shaw Ave.	2.00
Bacon, Emma C., Campello	5.55
Bailey, Mary H., 548 North Elm	110.25
Baker, Benjamin C., 209 West Center	78.50
Baker, Charles F., 500 East Center	94.25
Baker, Edward E., 28 North Main	2.00
Baker, Frederick W., 136 Copeland	26.00
Baker, Frederick W. et al, 136 Copeland	149.25
Baker, George E., 25 West	2.00

Baker, Herbert F., 39 Brooks Place	11.00
Baker, Philip E., 25 West	2.00
Balboni, Antonio, 214 Copeland	2.00
Balboni, Emelia, 206 Copeland	77.25
Balboni, Henry, 29 Keenan	2.00
Balboni, Henry & Rose, 29 Keenan	87.00
Ballsdon, William E., 522 Manley	123.50
Barclay, William, 35 Woodland Rd.	2.00
Barclay, William & H. Florence, 35 Woodland Rd.	51.75
Barker, Albert D., 32 Prospect	133.50
Barker, Lucy C. & Albert D., 54 Prospect	211.50
Barker, Randolph G., 44 Ellis Ave.	2.00
Barr, Sidney L., 695 North Main	110.00
Barrett, Neal K., 242 East	3.35
Barrett, Sadie K., 242 East	108.00
Barros, Alfred S., 63 Brooks Place	2.00
Barros, Anthony S., 35 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Barros, Arthur S., 51 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Barros, Bernardino S., 35 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Barros, Emelia, 45 Progressive Ave.	75.90
Barros, Manuel S., 45 Progressive Ave.	166.25
Barrows, Jennie L., E. Bridgewater	57.00
Bartlett, Henry, 104 North Elm	520.40
Bassett, William H. et al, Bridgewater	3.75
Baxter, Walter I., 21 Com'w'lth Ave.	2.00
Baxter, Walter I. & Beatrice V., 21 Com'w'lth Ave.	88.50
Bayley, Gardner, 18 Central Square	2.00
Beach, Lloyd H., 272 Matfield	2.00
Beard, James, 34 North Main	124.25
Beaulieu, Adrian A., 535 North Elm	2.00
Beaulieu, Adrian A. & Lora D., 535 North Elm	131.25
Beaumont, Laura A., 312 East	120.00
Beck, Alexander, 66 Plain	2.00
Beck, Alexander & F. Gertrude, 66 Plain	88.50
Beer, Thomas A., Brockton	8.25
Belcher, John F., 32 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Belden, Leon H., 282 North Elm	119.75
Belden, Leon Hoyt, 111 South	2.00
Beless, Margaret, Roslindale	108.00



Belmore, Adolor O., 4 South Main	380.00
Belmore, Louis O., 227 Matfield	2.00
Belmore, Ovela, 250 Matfield	80.75
Bemis, Clayton A., 37 Ellis Ave.	107.00
Bemis, Ernest W., 37 Ellis Ave.	2.00
Bennett, George A., 6 Plain	20.00
Bennett, George A. & Florence L., 6 Plain	138.00
Bennett, Roland C. et al, Portsmouth, R. I.	15.00
Benson, Bror A., 327 East	2.00
Benson, Bror A. & Ellen, 327 East	48.00
Bergstrom, Eric, 690 North Main	10.40
Bergstrom, P. Eric et ux, 690 North Main	45.90
Berkowitz, Joseph, 32 Prospect	9.50
Bernier, Thomas P., 591 Walnut	15.50
Bernier, Thomas P. & Olivene N., 591 Walnut	98.55
Bernstein, Eric F., 22 Grant	66.50
Berry, Charles C., 153 Brooks Place	2.00
Berry, Ivanetta C., 43 Francis Ave.	66.00
Bettencourt, Antone M., 632 North Elm	2.00
Bettencourt, George, 636 North Elm	5.00
Bettencourt, Jose M., 632 North Elm	3.05
Bettencourt, Joseph, 19 Progressive Ave.	27.50
Bianchi, Adelmo, 9 South Main	2.00
Bianchi, Domenic, 9 South Main	105.75
Bienvenue, Napoleon, 25 Highland Ave.	2.00
Biladeau, Calice, 161 Hatfield	2.00
Biladeau, Kenneth G., 50 Belmont	2.00
Biladeau, Leon J., 161 Matfield	2.00
Biladeau, Leon J. & Calice, 161 Matfield	107.25
Billings, Borden D., 248 North Elm	2.00
Billings, Borden D. & Mary M., 248 North Elm	108.00
Billington, Edward N., 361 Spring	2.00
Billington, Elizabeth L., 361 Spring	87.00
Bisbee, Fred B., 19 Thayer	2.00
Bisbee, Fred E., 19 Thayer	2.00
Bisbee, Fred E. & Florence E., 19 Thayer	64.50
Bismore, Joseph H., 45 Woodland Road	2.00
Bismore, Joseph H. & Maria E., 45 Woodland Rd.	22.50
Bismore, Joseph H., Jr., 165 West Center	11.00

Bismore, Lucy E., 165 West Center	93.00
Bismore, Robert H., 165 West Center	2.00
Bissett, Charles W., 467 West Center	2.00
Bittencourt, Joe M., 632 North Elm	85.50
Bittencourt, Jose M., 632 North Elm	89.25
Bittencourt, Maria S., 632 North Elm	7.50
Black, William L., 41 South Main	2.00
Black, William L. & Annie M., 41 South Main	52.50
Blacquier, Oswald, 194 Forest	59.75
Blanchard, Edith M., 76 South Elm	166.50
Blatchford, Kenneth P., 160 North Main	2.00
Blatchford, Percy T., 160 North Main	2.00
Blatchford, William T., 160 North Main	2.00
Blomgren, Fred T., 492 Spring	2.00
Blomgren, Ruth A. & Fred T., 492 Spring	79.50
Blood, Leon H., 229 Copeland	2.00
Bluis, Frank, 319 East Center	2.00
Bluis, Michael, 319 East Center	90.50
Bodwell, Vern A. & Alpheus E., Brockton	67.50
Bolinder, Warren C., 43 Belmont	2.00
Borges, Antone, 31 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Borges, Bruno A., 457 East	2.00
Borges, Bruno L., 457 East	2.00
Borges, Lewis S., 7 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Borges, Mariano J., 168 South Main	106.25
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Tr., Boston	235.95
Bosworth, Albert F., 264 Matfield	2.00
Bosworth, Lawrence J., 44 Walnut	2.00
Bosworth, William F., 44 Walnut	2.00
Bosworth, William F. & Mildred E., 44 Walnut	80.25
Bourne, Edward L., 42 North Main	2.00
Bourne, Harold W., 25 High	2.00
Bowers, Clarissa L., Wellfleet	138.75
Bowers, Harry S., 320 East	2.00
Boyce, A. Kendrick, 605 West Center	79.25
Boyce, Denison W., 605 West Center	2.00
Bradford, Ellen L., 120 Bryant	78.90
Bradford, Henry C., 45 South Main	2.00
Bradford, Henry C. & Margaret L., 45 South Main	86.25



Bradford, Robert, 31 Crescent	2.00
Bradley, William B., 18 Emerson Ave.	2.00
Brady, Mary A., Bridgewater	12.75
Braga, Alphonse M., 18 Central Sq.	2.00
Braga, Alphonse M. & Lucy M., 18 Central Sq.	108.00
Braga, Antonio J., 572 North Elm	217.65
Braga, Joseph J., 572 North Elm	4.25
Braga, Joseph J., Jr., 59 Brooks Pl.	67.25
Braga, Manuel J., 21 North Main	114.50
Bresciani, Oreste & Ernesta, Bridgewater	50.40
Bridgewater Savings Bank, Bridgewater	93.00
Briggs, David, 145 Forest	2.00
Brockton Edison Co., Brockton	3368.76
Brockton Gas Light Co., Brockton	1268.70
Brockton, City of, Brockton	26.25
Broman, Carl E., 348 North Elm	95.00
Broman, C. Marshall, 348 North Elm	2.00
Broman, Warren K., 28 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Brooks, Bessie E., 107 North Main	180.00
Brooks, Carlton H., 107 North Main	2.00
Brooks, Charles E., Brockton	7.50
Brooks, Fred H., 19 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Brooks, Fred H. et al, 19 Sunset Ave.	66.00
Brown, Charles E., 600 North Main	2.00
Brown, Charles H., 23 Walnut	63.50
Brown, Dexter E., 36 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Brown, Dexter E. & Hattie M., 36 Brooks Pl.	120.00
Brown, Edward J., 177 South Main	80.75
Brown, Leon C., 600 North Main	32.00
Brown, Leon C. & Ethel G., 600 North Main	148.50
Brown, Richard C., 600 North Main	2.00
Brown, Rollin H., Tr., Sharon	39.75
Brown, William J., 154 Forest	2.00
Brown, William R., 61 Ash	2.00
Bruce, Malcolm L., 22 Union	63.50
Bruce, Philip L., 22 Union	2.00
Bryant, Ella C., 120 Scotland	41.70
Bryant, Elmer P., 62 Union	2.00
Bryant, Harold E., 120 Scotland	2.00

Bryant, Herbert E., 24 Charles	2.00
Bryant, Herbert E. & Grace M., 24 Charles	94.50
Bryant, Waldo R., Brockton	66.00
Buckley, Vincent V., 13 Merritt	2.00
Buckley, Vincent V. & Minnie, 13 Merritt	72.75
Bump, Albert M., 14 South	2.00
Bump, Albert M. & Helen M., 14 South	94.50
Bunker, Frank C., 66 Pleasant	2.00
Burba, Titus J., 509 Spring	57.05
Burba, Titus J. & Stella, 509 Spring	143.25
Burba, Titus T., 509 Spring	2.00
Burgess, Ernest W., 478 West	2.00
Burgess, John B., 318 Spring	2.00
Burke, Joseph E., 33 Hillside Ave.	2.00
Burke, Joseph E. & Philena A., 33 Hillside Ave.	69.00
Burque Bros., 22 North Main	3.00
Burque, Frank P., 26 West Center	2.00
Burque, Frank X., 26 West Center	2.00
Burque, John P., 26 West Center	2.00
Burque, Josephine A., 26 West Center	81.00
Burrill, Joseph H., 458 Matfield	2.00
Burrill, Joseph H. & Anna E., 458 Matfield	87.00
Burroughs, Charles E., 51 Beacon	2.00
Burroughs, Edgar J. C., 51 Beacon	4.25
Burroughs, Edgar J. C. & Mary E., 51 Beacon	39.15
Butler, John J., Brockton	22.50
Butts, John V., 77 Walnut	2.00
Butts, Ward W., 392 Pleasant	2.00
Buzzards Bay Grain Co., North Main	370.50
Byron, Earl C., 279 Pleasant	2.00
Cabrall, Jose M., 97 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Cahoon, Bernard N., 395 Crescent	3.05
Campello Co-op. Bank, Campello	144.75
Canton Inst. for Savings, Canton	396.00
Capen, Florence M., 445 Spring	9.00
Capolupo, Patsy, 671 West Center	102.89
Carbone, Frank, 388 Ash	11.00
Carbone, Frank & Maria, 388 Ash	98.25
Carbone, Frank, Jr., 388 Ash	2.00

Carlin, Robert G., 190 West Center	2.00
Carlson, Carl P., 153 Brooks Pl.	261.50
Carlson, Carl W., 480 West	5.00
Carlson, Clifford H., 87 Brooks Pl.	19.70
Carlson, Clifford H. & Mae I., 87 Brooks Pl.	170.25
Carlson, Huldah S., 403 Spring	88.50
Carlson, Ivan P., 153 Brooks Pl.	86.75
Carlson, John E., 308 Matfield	2.00
Carlson, Oscar N., 288 Crescent	63.50
Carlson, Stanley O., 288 Crescent	2.00
Carnes, Thomas J., 92 North Main	2.00
Carnes, Thomas J. & Elsie E., 92 North Main	92.25
Caron, Joseph N., 462 Matfield	2.00
Caron, Paul, 417 Matfield	11.00
Carr, Arthur W., Bridgewater	72.90
Carrigan, Blanche E., 26 Cyr	53.25
Carrigan, Curtis W., 26 Cyr	2.75
Carson, Pauline D. & William B., 55 Sunset Ave.	130.50
Carson, William B., 55 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Carter, Bert L., Brookville	84.00
Carter, Leslie C., 58 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Carter, Leslie C. & Della S., 58 Sunset Ave.	76.50
Carty, Frederick T., 289 Crescent	2.00
Carty, Frederick T. & Bessie B., 289 Crescent	87.00
Cary, Fred W., Brockton	28.50
Cary, Martha F., Brockton	18.00
Cass, Chester, Brockton	1.95
Cass, Francis, Brockton	1.95
Cassiani, Carlos, 125 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Cassiani, John, 125 Brooks Pl.	11.00
Cassiani, John et al, 125 Brooks Pl.	105.75
Castel, Frank A., Brockton	23.25
Caswell, L. Merrill, 381 East	2.00
Cavacas, John D., 69 Brooks Pl.	92.00
Cedergren, August L., Brockton	23.25
Chadwick, Alice E., 19 Ellis Ave.	123.00
Chadwick, Forest W., 28 Union	2.00
Chadwick, Forest W. & Annette B., 28 Union	69.00
Chadwick, Frank G., 51 Francis Ave.	2.00

Chadwick, Frank G. & Elizabeth, 51 Francis Ave.	86.25
Chadwick, Frank G., Jr., 30 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Chadwick, Howard L., 19 Ellis Ave.	2.00
Chadwick, Howard L., Jr., 35 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Charnock, Josephine M., 210 South	135.75
Charnock, Lester J., 210 South	2.00
Chaves, Amos, 582 North Elm	2.00
Chaves, Amos & Mary A., 582 North Elm	43.50
Chaves, Anthony, 42 Sinnott	2.00
Chaves, Anthony, 103 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Chaves, Antonio & Mary, 42 Sinnott	57.25
Chaves, James, 565 North Elm	9.60
Chaves, James S., 49 Roosevelt Ave.	2.00
Chaves, John S., 49 Roosevelt Ave.	159.50
Chaves, Joseph S., 103 Brooks Pl.	71.00
Chaves, Joseph S., Jr., 28 Sinnott	77.90
Chaves, Manuel R., 189 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Chaves, Mary J.	10.50
Cheever, F. Alvin, 15 Vital Ave.	2.00
Cheney, Clinton A., 40 Plain	74.00
Cheyunskis, Adolph J., 763 West Center	2.00
Cheyunskis, Felix, 763 West Center	2.00
Cheyunskis, Francis, 763 West Center	2.00
Cheyunskis, Frank J., 763 West Center	331.85
Chickering, Frederick L., 565 Manley	71.00
Chickering, Wallace R., 565 Manley	2.00
Chisholm, Fred G., 46 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Chisholm, Fred G. & Florence, 46 Sunset Ave.	91.50
Chisholm, Walter K. & Lester, Brockton	112.50
Chouinard, William P., 103 Crescent	2.00
Chuckran, John, 151 South Elm	2.00
Chuckran, Samuel D., 151 South Elm	2.00
Chuckran, Stephen, 151 South Elm	2.00
Churchill, Edith F., 382 Matfield	66.75
Churchill, Edward T., 382 Matfield	2.00
Churchill, Grace, 263 Spring	66.00
Churchill, Thomas B., 494 East Center	86.75
Clark, Edmund F., 398 Spring	101.75
Clark, Everett C., 478 West	2.00



Clark, Everett C. & Miriam E., 478 West	51.90
Clark, Helen E., 520 North Elm	108.75
Clark, Herbert J., 492 West	95.00
Clark, Howard E., 520 North Elm	2.00
Clark, Sarah C., 480 West	418.20
Cobb, Laura K., Whitman	4.50
Codding, G. Amber, 480 West Center	60.00
Codding, Sarah B., 480 West Center	111.00
Coelho, Anthony P., 46 Sinnott	50.00
Cogan, Edward, 514 West Center	53.00
Cogswell, George D., 355 North Elm	2.00
Cogswell, Norman L., 1 Francis Ave.	2.00
Cogswell, Norman L. & Helen E., 1 Francis Ave.	97.50
Cohen, Abraham & Elizabeth, Eastondale	69.75
Cohen, Elizabeth, Eastondale	24.00
Colberg, Albert H. & Sophie O., 62 Union	73.50
Cole, Bessie I., 380 North Elm	75.75
Cole, Forest E., 423 North Elm	2.00
Cole, Leroy H., 301 Matfield	2.00
Cole, Leroy H. & Annie E., 301 Matfield	25.50
Cole, Leah F., 19 Sinnott	77.40
Cole, Rowland F., 380 North Elm	2.00
Comlin, Chester E., 59 Maolis Ave.	69.50
Conant, Herbert W., 35 Roosevelt Ave.	2.00
Congdon, Fred T., 85 Crescent	2.00
Congdon, Ida F., 85 Crescent	151.65
Connelly, Lorenz & Gertrude L., 25 Sinnott	66.90
Cook, Albert B., 141 Crescent	2.00
Cook, Raymond L., 459 Matfield	2.00
Cook, Raymond L. & Starrat, O. Vaughn, 459 Matfield	70.50
Copeland, Bessie C. & Mary L., 25 Samuel Ave.	346.95
Copeland, Charles R., 123 South	2.00
Copeland, Frank E., 551 Walnut	91.25
Copeland, Helen S., 318 Spring	99.75
Copeland, Lida W. et al, San Diego, Cal.	15.00
Copeland, Myrtle L. & Marion E. Moore, 541 Walnut	132.90
Coppock, John H., 449 Spring	2.00

Corbett, Winslow T., 19 High	2.00
Corcoran, Margaret A., 143 Copeland	63.00
Cordeiro, Manuel M., Bridgewater	6.00
Correia, Gill, 97 Copeland	2.00
Cotter, Leighton F., 283 Matfield	2.00
Cotter, Leighton F. & Hattie, 283 Matfield	74.25
Couite, Belle B., 93 Copeland	253.50
Couite, Joseph A., 93 Copeland	357.35
Couite, Manuel A., 93 Copeland	2.00
Couite, Manuel A. & Mary E., 140 South Main	80.25
Couite, William A., 93 Copeland	2.00
Courtney, John J., 88 North Main	2.00
Covezoli, Albert, 454 South Main	14.00
Covezoli, Albert & Matilda N., 454 South Main	132.75
Cox, George H., 279 Pleasant	263.30
Craddock, Edwin R., 519 Manley	2.00
Craddock, Edwin R. & Sarah M., 519 Manley	64.05
Craig, Irving R., West Newton	1.20
Crone, John W., Perry Lane	2.00
Crowell, Frances A., 50 Union	100.50
Crowley, Cornelius F., 409 Walnut	2.00
Crowley, Daniel F., 409 Walnut	132.50
Crowley, Daniel J. & Delia, 409 Walnut	106.50
Crowley, Margaret M. et al, 242 South	98.25
Crowley, Walter D., 242 South	2.00
Crowley, Walter, Jr., 242 South	2.00
Cummings, John E., 455 West Center	2.00
Cummings, Theodora, 455 West Center	78.00
Cunningham, Alice E., 266 Pleasant	212.25
Cunningham, Evelyn W. & Doris M., 261 Pleasant	69.00
Cunningham, Martin, Raynham	1.50
Curtis, Helen C., 161 Howard	263.25
Curtis, William, Jr., 161 Howard	282.50
Curtis, William F., 44 West Center	2.00
Cutler, Elizabeth A. et al, Milton, Mass.	46.50
Cyr, Alfred G., 21 Vital Ave.	2.75
Cyr, George E., 15 Vital Ave.	209.75
Cyr, Henry A., 21 Vital Ave.	26.30
Cyr, Vital, 19 Vital Ave.	29.00



Czymbor, Anastasia, 395 East Center	80.25
Czymbor, Julius, 395 East Center	7.70
Dahl, John, Eastondale	4.50
Dailey, David, 109 South Elm	96.05
Dailey, David & Nellie M., 109 South Elm	78.75
Daley, Daniel F. Heirs or Devisees, 271 South Main	85.50
Daley, Robert J., 271 South Main	2.00
Dalrymple, Albert A., 263 Spring	2.00
Dalton, Sydney, 636 North Elm	2.00
Daly, John F., 50 Maolis Ave.	2.00
D'Ambrosia, Antonio, 2 Plain	2.00
D'Ambrosia, Antonio & Nicoline, 2 Plain	99.00
Danforth, George D., 91 Maolis Ave.	57.50
Dangirdas, Bernas, 509 Spring	2.00
Dansereau, Jeremiah P., 20 Plain	5.00
Dansereau, Jeremiah P. Trustee, 20 Plain	142.50
Darling, Jennie F., Halifax, Mass.	98.25
Davenport, Henry O., 18 Brooks Pl.	8.00
Davenport, Henry O. & Mary F., 18 Brooks Pl.	374.25
Davio, Fred F., 42 Matfield	2.00
Davio, Yvonne R., 42 Matfield	57.00
Davis, Andrew M., 312 East	2.00
Davis, George N., 384 North Elm	7.25
Davis, George N. & Ellen P., 384 North Elm	118.50
Davis, James H., 17 West	2.00
Davis, Ralph E., 17 West	2.00
Davock, Bessie L., 524 North Elm	114.75
Davock, Thomas F., 524 North Elm	2.00
Davock, Thomas F., Jr., 524 North Elm	2.00
Dean, David G. Heirs or Devisees, Raynham, Mass.	.75
Dean, Robert G., 266 Pleasant	6.50
Dean, Robert G. & Alice M., 266 Pleasant	180.00
Dearing, Herbert R., 35 South Main	2.00
Dearth, William E., 17 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Dechambeau, James M., 357 Matfield	2.00
Dechambeau, James M. & Pearle A., 357 Matfield	65.25
DeMattos, Manuel, 30 Grant	67.25
Demers, Rodman C., 256 Matfield	2.00
Demers, Rodman C. & Viola E., 256 Matfield	49.50

DeMolles, Anthony, 428 Manley	97.70
DeMolles, Anthony F. & Julia M., 428 Manley	418.86
Denley, Harold F., Church St.	2.00
Denley, Harold F. & Anna J., Church St.	19.50
Denley, J. Clifton, 93 Prospect	36.50
Derby, B. Frank, 33 West	2.00
Derby, Benjamin F. & Alice M., 33 West	67.50
DerKevorkian, George, 166 Ash	4.10
Derkevorkian, Kricor & Alma, 166 Ash	81.00
Desguin, Paul, 255 North Elm	2.00
Dewey, Zilpha H., 660 North Main	58.50
Diamond Dairy, Inc., Manley St.	75.00
Di Giano, Frank, 228 Matfield	2.00
Di Giano, Frank & Theresa M., 228 Matfield	81.00
Dillenschneider, Jules M., 524 West Center	2.00
Dillenschneider, Jules M. & Rose D., 524 West Center	67.50
Dimoff, Ivan, 110 Stony Rd.	2.00
Doe, Albert L. & Eugenia E., Bridgewater	3.75
Dondero, Philip J., 73 Prospect	2.00
Dorr, Harry L., 347 East	2.00
Dowling, Edward, 524 West Center	2.00
Drake, Fred, 586 Manley	2.00
Dudley, Fred H., Fitchburg	76.50
Dufault, Eugenia, 547 Manley	102.00
Dufault, Frank J. M., 547 Manley	2.00
Duggan, Michael W., Brockton	15.75
Duggan, Timothy, 409 Walnut	2.00
Dunbar, Eddy P., 263 River	240.50
Dunbar, Edith H., 26 Ellis Ave.	150.00
Dunbar, Walter C., 26 Ellis Ave.	5.75
Dunham, Arthur E., 46 River	2.00
Dunham, Arthur E. & Grace I., 46 River	75.00
Dunham, Clifford S., 28 Sinnott	2.00
Dunham, Hervey, 216 Howard	2.00
Dunham, Hervey et al, 216 Howard	215.25
Dunlea, Michael J., 69 Belmont	64.25
Dunn, Arthur, 606 North Elm	2.00
Dunn, Bridget, 437 South Main	75.00

Dunn, Harold L., 217 Crescent	2.00
Dunn, John W., 437 South Main	2.00
Duperre, George J., 9 Crescent	2.00
Duperre, George J. & Mildred H., 9 Crescent	74.25
Dupree, Henry, 117 Forest	25.25
Dupree, Michael H., 117 Forest	2.00
Dupuis, Framus, 264 Matfield	2.00
Dupuis, Framus & Angelina, 264 Matfield	100.50
Earle, George A., 35 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Eastern Mass. St. Railway Co., Boston	.75
Easton Land Co., c/o Fred D. King, Wakefield	84.00
Eaton, Alton S., 141 Crescent	2.00
Eaton, Aubrey B., 475 West Center	2.00
Eaton, Douglas & Barbara, 16 Hillside Ave.	70.50
Eaton, Elizabeth M., 141 Crescent	66.00
Eaton, P. Douglas, 16 Hillside Ave.	2.00
Eckstrom, Walter G., 223 River	6.50
Edlund, Carl F., 495 East Center	32.00
Edmonston, Harriet M., 20 West	48.00
Edmonston, Leon J., 20 West	2.00
Edson, Bruce D., 280 North Elm	2.00
Edson, Leon D., 280 North Elm	2.00
Edson, Mabel A., 288 North Elm	46.50
Edson, Minot, 445 West Center	68.00
Edwards, Edna W. Tr., 35 East Center	96.00
Eldridge, Adolphus, 205 West Center	88.25
Eldridge, Adolphus & Alice C., 205 West Center	82.50
Eldridge, John C., 205 West Center	2.00
Ellis, Abner, 188 South Main	2.00
Ellis, Abner et ux, 188 South Main	93.00
Ellis, Alfred W., 47 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Ely, Horace L., 4 Plain	2.00
Emerson, Idella C., 10 Brooks Pl.	119.25
Emery, Everett L., Fairhaven	85.20
Eno, George H., 275 North Main	2.00
Enos, Emma A. et al, 117 Forest	229.05
Enos, Frank D., 117 Forest	2.00
Ensher Bros., 175 Lincoln	94.50
Ensher, Charles I., 48 South	2.00

Ensher, Edward J., 175 Lincoln	2.00
Ensher, Napoleon J., 175 Lincoln	6.80
Ensher, Napoleon J., Edward J. & Charles I., 175 Lincoln	631.50
Erbeck, A. Philip, 75 Bryant	291.35
Erickson, Carl H., 138 North Main	2.00
Evanoff, Steve, 110 Stony Road	17.00
Everson, Wilmont V., Brant Rock	2.25
Evrard, Hattie R., 43 West	85.50
Fabrizio, Frank, 329 Crescent	2.00
Fabrizio, Louis, 321 Crescent	54.50
Fallon, Ellen, 76 Columbus Ave.	46.50
Fallon, John J., 76 Columbus Ave.	2.00
Falzarano, Joe, 92 Union	2.00
Falzarano, Gladys & Guiseppe, 92 Union	114.00
Fantom, Ida E., 225 Spring	22.50
Fantom, Wilson, Brockton	3.75
Farnham, Carrie B., 540 North Elm	108.75
Farnum, Charles L., 88 North Main	2.00
Farnum, Lyle J., 113 Howard	2.00
Farrar, Brooks, South Easton	28.50
Farrar, Karl W., 108 Belmont	2.00
Farrar, Marshall, 108 Belmont	151.25
Farrell, Charles T., Jr., 462 Matfield	59.90
Fay, Francis J., 109 South Elm	20.75
Federal Farm Mortgage Corp., c/o Mason W. Alger, Howard St.	229.35
Federal Land Bank, Springfield	127.20
Felker, Albert B., Carmel, Me.	7.50
Fernandez, John, 27 West	2.00
Fernandez, Manuel, 27 West	2.00
Ferranti, Albert L., 550 North Main	2.00
Ferranti, Allie L., 550 North Main	48.05
Ferranti, Frank Heirs or Devises, 73 Prospect	6.00
Ferranti, Marie D., 73 Prospect	68.40
Ferranti, Louise S. & Nellie M., 550 North Main	147.00
Ferrini, Bernard A., 103 Copeland	172.55
Ferrini, Gemma, Brockton	.36
Fidler, Lawrence L., 25 Emerson Ave.	2.00



Fidler, Lawrence & Helen L., 25 Emerson Ave.	61.50
Finch, Albion H.	.45
Finch, James C., 343 West	2.00
Finch, Lelia, 343 West	2.25
Fischer, Kenneth T., Willow St.	2.00
Fish, Herbert C., 111 South	2.00
Fish, Herbert C. & Anna F., 111 South	58.50
Fish, Ralph W., 373 North Elm	11.00
Fish, Ralph W. & Alice C., 373 North Elm	116.25
Fisher, Harold A., 261 Pleasant	2.00
Fisher, William J., 173 West	2.00
Fisher, William J. & Dorothy L., 173 West	52.50
Fitzpatrick, T. Joseph, Brockton	33.75
Flagg, Loraine, East Bridgewater	2.25
Fongeallaz, Ernest A., 486 West Center	2.00
Fongeallaz, Eugene, 486 West Center	2.00
Forbes, Ralph D., 8 South	50.00
Forcier, Paul, 384 North Elm	2.00
Ford, Sidney E., 35 Woodland Road	2.00
Foss, Harry B., 156 South Main	2.00
Fowler, William J., 294 Manley	8.75
Fowler, William J. & Nellie, 294 Manley	42.00
Foye, Allan B., 378 East Center	2.00
Foye, Anna R., 322 East Center	69.00
Foye, Wilbur G., 102 West Center	108.75
Fraites, Antoine, 153 Bryant	71.55
Fraites, John, 22 Keenan	2.00
Fratus, Joseph, 42 South	2.00
Frazier, Edward S., 225 South Main	2.00
Frazier, Edward S. & Ina, 225 South Main	76.50
Fraizer, John L., 119 South Elm	2.00
Fraizer, John L. & Ruth M., 119 South Elm	27.00
Freeman, Charles A., 475 West Center	2.00
Freeman, Dorothy M., 419 Spring	97.50
Freeman, Stanley L., 419 Spring	2.00
Freitas, Arthur, 22 Keenan	2.00
Freitas, Joseph J., 56 Charles	2.75
Freitas, Joseph J. & Isabell, 56 Charles	49.50
Freitas, Mary C., 22 Keenan	62.25

Frellick, Arthur L., 255 East	5.30
Frellick, Arthur L. & Maud E., 255 East	129.00
Frellick, Ralph S., 294 East	3.50
Frellick, Ralph S. & Ethel, 294 East	108.00
French, Alan D. A., 9 Vital Ave.	2.00
French, Alan D. A. & Alice, 9 Vital Ave.	84.00
Frumerin, Axel, 61 Belmont	2.00
Gaffney, Bernard E., 11 Roosevelt Ave.	2.00
Gaffney, Horace T., 11 Roosevelt Ave.	2.00
Gaffney, Horace T. & Maude E., 11 Roosevelt Ave.	75.00
Gaffney, Royal A., 16 Cyr	2.00
Gaffney, Royal A. & Anita E., 16 Cyr	60.75
Gallagher, William E., 392 East Center	2.00
Gallagher, William E. & Annie K., 392 E. Center	70.50
Gambao, Armando M., 620 North Elm	83.75
Gambao, Armando M. & Clara, 620 North Elm	115.65
Gammons, S. Clinton, 326 Spring	112.25
Gardner, Charles E., 448 West Center	2.00
Gardner, Charles W., 448 West Center	2.00
Gardner, Chester P., 236 Matfield	2.00
Gardner, George E., 448 West Center	2.00
Gardner, Inez C., 236 Matfield	74.55
Gardner, Lulu B., 448 West Center	87.00
Garfield, Harold E., 479 West Center	2.00
Gary, William J., 47 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Gaskill, George W., 9 North Main	2.00
Ghelfi, Louis, 223 Matfield	2.00
Gibb, Thomas R. P., Belmont, Mass.	3.00
Gibbs, Ella L., 381 North Elm	91.50
Gibson, Edwin T., 22 River	2.00
Gibson, Nettie E., 22 River	210.00
Gibson, William E., 22 River	48.05
Gibson, William E., Jr., 22 River	2.00
Gifford, Earl C., 62 Plain	2.00
Gifford, Earl C. & Elsie L., 62 Plain	93.75
Gill, C. Gordon, 64 Plain	2.00
Gill, C. Gordon & Ida B., 64 Plain	93.75
Gillespie, Olive C., 15 Prospect	138.00
Gillespie, Wilfred F. & Nahum P. Tr., Brockton	4.50



Giovanoni, Joseph D., 27 Glenmere	8.00
Giovanoni, Joseph & Sara, 27 Glenmere	48.00
Glass, Marion S., 384 East Center	154.65
Glinski, Felix J., 20 Woodland Road	2.00
Glinski, Hazel B., 20 Woodland Road	58.50
Gloves, Joseph, Arlington, Mass.	1.50
Godfrey, Calvin E., Falmouth, Mass.	6.00
Godfrey, Jessie W., Falmouth, Mass.	6.00
Godwin, Merritt A., Brockton	7.50
Golder, Evan R., 83 Maolis Ave.	112.25
Golder, Glyndon T., 92 Maolis Ave.	6.50
Golder, Kenneth F., 83 Maolis Ave.	20.00
Golder, Lester J., 92 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Golder, Lester J. & Pearle E., 92 Maolis Ave.	68.25
Golder, Lester J., Jr., 92 Maolis Ave.	7.55
Golder, Wendall F., 64 Maolis Ave.	8.25
Goldie, George W., 370 North Elm	2.00
Goldie, Hattie E., 370 North Elm	57.00
Gonsalves, John D., 31 Com'w'lth Ave.	2.00
Gonsalves, John F., 31 Com'w'lth Ave.	2.00
Goodell, Wilford C. & Dora S., Campello	39.00
Goodwin, Arthur E., 1 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Goodwin, Milton E., 237 Matfield	70.25
Goodwin, Robert E., 1 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Goodwin, Robert H., 1 Progressive Ave.	61.10
Gorman, William J. et al, Bridgewater	11.25
Goss, Adelbert A., 445 Manley	2.00
Gould, Harold L., 377 Spring	2.00
Gould, John H., 377 Spring	2.00
Grant, Albert A., 354 West Center	2.00
Grant, Frank, 354 West Center	2.00
Gray, Madeline F., 390 Matfield	57.75
Great A. & P. Tea Co., The, 12 North Main	2.16
Green, Daniel W., 199 Ash	49.50
Green, Harry D., 120 Ash	2.00
Green, Harry D. & Capitola G., 120 Ash	43.50
Green, Peter F., 20 Cyr	2.00
Green, Thomas, 279 East Center	50.00
Griffin, Frank P. & Leona C., 20 Cyr	47.25

Groeger, George P., 648 West Center	3.20
Groeger, George P. & Clara C., 648 West Center	123.75
Grippen, Charles S., 174 South Main	2.00
Guinea, Mary I., 535 West Center	159.00
Guinea, Thomas F., 535 West Center	2.00
Guinea, Thomas F. & Mary I., 535 West Center	101.25
Gummow, Earl R., 35 South	182.60
Gummow, J. Robert, 25 Bryant	2.00
Gummow, Theresa, 25 Bryant	51.90
Gummow, William H., 25 Bryant	24.95
Gurney, Jennie M., 156 Bryant	48.15
Hackenson, Rudolph, 273 Crescent	66.50
Hackett, Annie G., 32 Sunset Ave.	117.75
Hagglund, Arvid, 61 Howard	2.00
Halgren, F. Albert, 406 North Elm	78.50
Hall, Clifford, North Raynham	1.65
Hall, Grace H., 362 Manley	80.25
Hall, Harold L., 23 Vital Ave.	2.00
Hall, Harold P., 23 Vital Ave.	2.00
Hall, Hattie A. Heirs or Devisees, Brockton	6.00
Hall, Laura M., 23 Vital Ave.	89.25
Hall, Leslie H., 17 Spring	2.00
Hambly, Elbert A., 16 Com'w'lth Ave.	2.00
Hambly, Elbert A. & Fannie G., 16 Com'w'lth Ave.	67.50
Hambly, Eldon & Edith L., 55 North Elm	111.75
Hambly, Fred E., 55 North Elm	2.00
Hambly, Ruth H., 55 Prospect	78.75
Hambly, William A., 55 Prospect	7.40
Hampe, Elisabeth M., 203 South	75.00
Handrahan, John, Arlington	10.50
Hanson, Benjamin, 27 Vital Ave.	2.00
Hanson, Charles E., Eastondale	13.50
Hanson, Harriet L., 27 Vital Ave.	8.25
Hanson, Richard, 418 Forest	8.00
Hardenbrook, Alberta A., 612 West Center	126.75
Hardenbrook, Kenneth L., 612 West Center	26.00
Hardenbrook, Kenneth L. & Alberta A., 612 West Center	213.00
Hardenbrook, K. Langdon, 612 West Center	2.00

Hargraves, Edward W., 432 West Center	2.00
Hargraves, Wright, 432 West Center	48.20
Harkins, Daniel T., 15 Walnut	2.00
Harkins, Dorris E., 15 Walnut	97.50
Harlow, Elmer G., 10 Cross	2.00
Harriman, Charles E., 351 North Elm	102.50
Harrington, Harriet A., 20 Charles	96.75
Hartford, Lucy A., 120 Crescent	92.25
Hartness, Samuel W., 135 North Main	2.00
Hartness, Samuel W. & Naomi, 135 North Main	96.00
Hartwell, Etta L., 445 Manley	87.00
Hasey, Helen P., Bridgewater	93.00
Haskins, James, 136 North Main	2.00
Haskins, Julius C., Brockton	141.00
Haskins, Malcolm H., 481 Manley	2.00
Haskins, Malcolm H. & Zilpha L., 481 Manley	92.40
Hatch, Foster P., 128 South Main	2.00
Hatch, Foster P. & Minnie B., 128 South Main	128.00
Hathaway, Emily L., Brockton	.90
Hayden, Alfred, 75 Pleasant	2.00
Hayden, Everett A., 65 Pleasant	2.00
Hayden, Louis P., 351 North Elm	2.00
Hayden, Minnie E., 65 Pleasant	77.55
Hayes, Clarence E., 393 Ash	2.00
Hayes, John T., 393 Ash	2.00
Hayes, Margaret D., 393 Ash	35.25
Hayes, Thomas J., 393 Ash	2.00
Hayward, Chester L., 330 Spring	2.00
Hayward, Effie W., 330 Spring	91.50
Hayward, Grace M. & John L., 151 East Center	175.65
Hayward, John L., 151 East Center	188.00
Hayward, J. Layton, 151 East Center	2.00
Hayward, John P., Fitchburg	.90
Hayward, William P. Est., Portland, Me.	2.40
Healey, Ernest L., 356 North Elm	2.00
Healey, Ernest L. & Myrtle E., 356 North Elm	87.00
Heath, Clyde W., 347 East	2.00
Height, Harold, 512 Spring	2.00
Height, J. Wiswell, River St.	2.00

Height, Wiswell S. & Harold W., 512 Spring	53.25
Helgeson, Elmer, 413 Crescent	2.00
Hemenway, James A., 35 Plain	324.20
Hemenway, J. Russell, 48 Plain	2.00
Hennessy, George W., 48 South	2.00
Hennessy, Thomas, 264 Matfield	2.00
Herritt, Gussie, 61 Plain	120.00
Hershey, John, 134 South Main	2.00
Hetherston, Andrew F., 37 Howard	2.00
Heywood, William G., 609 East	2.00
Higgins, Amelia M., 20 Com'w'lth Ave.	61.50
Higgins, Joseph M., 20 Com'w'lth Ave.	2.00
Higginson, William H. Est., Brockton	2.70
Hill, Charles L., 446 Forest	15.50
Hill, Edward, 452 Forest	2.00
Hill, Everett O., 601 East	5.00
Hill, Everett O. & Edith E., 601 East	78.00
Hill, Harold, 452 Forest	2.00
Hillcrest Farms Dairy, Inc., North Main St.	427.50
Hitchings, Eddy D., 22 Sinnott	2.00
Hitchings, Eddy D. & Florence B., 22 Sinnott	79.50
Hodgson, Albert, 92 Bedford	2.00
Hodgson, Frederick, 92 Bedford	2.00
Hodgson, Frederick & Gertrude, 92 Bedford	63.00
Hodgson, James W., 92 Bedford	2.00
Hoffman, Fred E., Holbrook, Mass.	5.25
Hogg, Nelia E., South Easton	10.35
Holbrook, Clara L., 37 High	42.90
Holbrook, James R., 34 High	52.40
Holden, Raleigh A., 20 Walnut	2.00
Holden, Raleigh A. & Rena N., 20 Walnut	431.25
Hollertz, Anna C., 216 Matfield	103.50
Hollertz, George V., 216 Matfield	6.50
Hollertz, George V., Jr., 216 Matfield	2.00
Hollis, Kenneth, 33 High	2.00
Holmberg, Fred W., 493 West Center	2.00
Holmberg, Inez E. & Fred W., 493 West Center	50.40
Holmberg, Oscar T., 118 Spring	2.00
Holmberg, Oscar T. & Edna H., 118 Spring	87.00



Holmes, Albert J., 259 Spring	2.00
Holmes, Alice, 312 South Elm	192.00
Holmes, Grace et al, 45 Forest	92.25
Holmes, Herbert A., 312 South Elm	19.25
Holmes, John M., 399 Manley	17.75
Holmes, Lester F., 595 West Center	2.00
Holmes, Lydia E., Walpole, Mass.	33.00
Holmgren, Ernest H., 52 Com'w'lth Ave.	2.00
Holmgren, Ernest H. & Josephine M., 52 Com'w'lth Ave.	84.00
Holt, Charlie, 586 Manley	2.00
Holyoke, Arthur E., 19 Church	2.00
Holyoke, Carrie, 19 Church	1.50
Holyoke, George A., 19 Church	17.25
Holyoke, George A., Jr., 19 Church	2.00
Holyoke, Lawrence, 97 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Holyoke, Olin D., 17 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Holyoke, Walter E., 189 Brooks Pl.	2.00
Home Owners Loan Corp., New York City	1470.90
Horrigan, John J. & Nettie A., 28 Maolis Ave.	141.00
Horton, Etta, 160 Matfield	82.50
Horton, Harold M., 111 Crescent	89.00
Howard, Albert A., 161 Howard	340.40
Howard, Alfred E., 157 Spring	2.00
Howard, Catherine M., 35 Prospect	198.75
Howard, Charles E., 35 Prospect	3.95
Howard, Clinton P., 161 Howard	2.00
Howard, Edith F., 187 Howard	362.25
Howard, Edith S., 157 Spring	127.95
Howard, Henry M., 113 Howard	8.75
Howard, Henry M., Tr., 113 Howard	207.15
Howard, J. E. & Flora M., South Easton	30.21
Howard, John E., 8 Arch	196.97
Howard, Lester E., 15 Prospect	2.00
Howard, Wesley A., 113 Howard	2.00
Howe, Alice E., Brockton	63.75
Howe, Ernest A., 29 West	2.00
Howe, Francis D., 40 Ash	2.00
Howland, Harold H., Washington, D. C.	92.00

Howland, Mazie F., Tr., Taunton	37.50
Hunt, Alton E., E. Bridgewater	2.70
Hunt, Elmer W., 36 Charles	68.00
Hunt, John T., Est. of, 63 Maolis Ave.	67.50
Hunt, Julia M., 21 North Main	90.00
Hunt, Richard F., 21 North Main	2.00
Hunter, Howard L., 386 Matfield	62.00
Hunter, Ralph A., 386 Matfield	2.00
Hurley, J. Edward, 113 Howard	2.00
Hurley, Merle S., 10 Central Sq.	2.00
Hurley, William D., 10 Central Sq.	2.00
Hutson, Albert H., 668 West Center	2.00
H. & W. Mold Co., 415 North Elm	40.50
Iris, Harvey, Brockton	9.00
Irving, Mary A., 28 North Main	87.00
Irwin, William S., 369 East Center	2.00
Irwin, William S. & Katherine D., 369 East Center	134.25
Isabel, Samuel, 441 East Center	81.20
Jackson, Stanley F., 506 Spring	90.50
Jacobs, Benjamin F., 20 Forest	2.00
Jeffery, Edward H. & Ethel B.	3.00
Jenkins, Arthur A., 17 West	2.00
Jenkins, Arthur H., Brockton	79.50
Johnson, Adolph R., 530 Manley	20.75
Johnson, Andrew J., 38 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Johnson, Carl A., 388 Manley	79.25
Johnson, Carl A., 64 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Johnson, Carl A. & Janice M., 64 Maolis Ave.	88.50
Johnson, Carl E., 20 Sinnott	80.00
Johnson, Carl S. & Inez D., E. Bridgewater	6.30
Johnson, Charles A., 85 Crescent	2.00
Johnson, Charles A., 255 North Elm	2.00
Johnson, Eveline D., 255 North Elm	101.25
Johnson, Gilbert H. & Eva M., 25 Com'w'lth Ave.	99.00
Johnson, Gustave A., 395 Crescent	2.00
Johnson, Gustavus A., Brockton	3.00
Johnson, Harold L., 25 Com'w'lth Ave.	8.00
Johnson, Hokan F., Brockton	4.50



Johnson, John H., 115 Crescent	52.55
Johnson, John P., Brockton	11.25
Johnson, Joseph T., 142 Turnpike	43.25
Johnson, Martin A., 142 Turnpike	2.00
Johnson, Oscar S., 210 Copeland	71.00
Johnson, Raymond M., 56 Pleasant	56.00
Johnson, Samuel C., 221 West Center	9.50
Johnson, Samuel C. & Esther E., 221 W. Center	136.65
Johnstone, William, 31 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Jones, Alice M., 453 East Center	90.00
Jones, Charles G., 453 East Center	2.00
Jones, Frank H., 22 High	2.00
Jones, Frank H. & Emma L., 22 High	66.90
Jones, Grace A., Bridgewater	132.00
Jones, Lloyd J., 44 Walnut	2.00
Jones, Marcus E., 80 Matfield	14.00
Juergens, Lawrence P., 312 South Elm	2.00
Kalaijian, Mager, 29 Sinnott	2.00
Kalaijian, Mager B. & Elizabeth M., 29 Sinnott	79.80
Kalil, David G., 534 W. Center	157.70
Kalil, George D., 534 W. Center	2.00
Katarzie, Albert, 217 Crescent	2.00
Katarzie, Albert, Jr., 217 Crescent	2.00
Katwick, Arthur D., Stoughton, Mass.	7.50
Keay, Frank H., 20 Hillside Ave.	2.00
Keay, Frank H. & Elizabeth M., 20 Hillside Ave.	67.50
Keeler, Everett W., 11 High	2.00
Keeler, Florence M., 11 High	109.50
Keenan, Grace G. & Grace D., 457 So. Main	84.00
Kehoe, James A., 173 W. Center	2.00
Kehoe, James A. & Hazil S., 173 W. Center	69.75
Keith, George E., Brockton	2.25
Keith, George M., 21 Cross	2.00
Keith, Harold C., Campello	30.00
Keith, Horace A., Campello	3.75
Keith, James C., Campello	76.20
Keith, Lulie H., Campello	1.50
Keith, Mary J., 10 Cross	55.65
Keith, Phyllis L., 26 Prospect	93.75

Keith, Raymond C., No. Main	2.00
Keith, Richard E., 17 W. Center	2.00
Keith, Richard E. & Gladys M., 17 W. Center	75.75
Keith, Robert D., 26 Prospect	2.00
Keith, Sumner B., 405 Crescent	44.00
Keith, Wallace, 21 Cross	2.00
Kelley, Coleman, Brockton	1.95
Kelley, John F. & Vivian B., South Easton	19.50
Kelsea, John B., 609 East	50.90
Kempster, George A., 20 Kenneth	2.00
Kennedy, Donald F., 97 Brooks Place	2.00
Kent, Alice E., 167 S. Main	93.00
Kent, John J., Jr., 167 S. Main	2.00
Kent, Philip, Est. of, Brighton, Mass.	30.00
Kerisza, John, 473 Spring	131.75
Kerr, Harry S., 19 Belmont	2.00
Kerr, William N., 19 Belmont	2.00
Kidder, Leland W., 764 W. Center	2.00
Kimball, Elforest F., 262 N. Elm	2.00
King, Annie L., 52 Charles	64.50
King, Mary L., 178 S. Main	66.45
Kingman, Harry W., Eastondale	81.90
Kingsbury, Luther C., 39 Walnut	2.00
Kingsbury, Luther C. & Lyda M., 39 Walnut	114.00
Kingsbury, Richard, 39 Walnut	2.00
Kinney, Charles E. Heirs or Devisees, 509 N. Elm	144.00
Kinney, James C., 448 N. Elm	2.00
Kinney, Orvis F., 448 N. Elm	247.25
Kinney, Sarah L., 509 N. Elm	314.10
Kinsman, Arthur A., 15 Highland Ave.	2.00
Kirby, John B., 1 W. Center	77.00
Kirby, Owen J., 26 Commonwealth Ave.	61.25
Kirkell, Casimir A., 35 Roosevelt Ave.	2.00
Kizirian, Nahabed, 375 S. Elm	72.05
Kline, Benjamin, 49 Walnut	2.00
Kline, Joseph H., 49 Walnut	161.00
Knight, Harry R., 556 N. Elm	2.00
Knight, Harry R. & Marie B., 556 N. Elm	105.00
Knight, John R., 556 N. Elm	2.00

Knox, George A., 73 Thayer	2.00
Kugis, Algot J., 216 West	2.00
Kugis, Beatrice, 216 West	63.00
Kugis, John W., Est. of, 216 West	5.25
Kyhn, Jean C., 107 Matfield	2.00
Kyhn, Otilie, 107 Matfield	92.25
Lamb, Gordon W., 322 Matfield	2.00
Lang, Joseph, Brockton	4.50
Lanoue, E. Roland, Brockton	2.25
Lapthorn, Robert B., Bridgewater	15.00
Latham, Ruth A., Campello	85.50
Laughton, Mary E., 110 N. Main	87.75
Lavall, H. J., 408 Spring	8.00
Lawson, Bror, 218 East	2.00
Lawson, Emma F., 37 Vital Ave.	45.30
Lawson, Myron F., 37 Vital Ave.	2.00
Lawson, Oliver A., 433 Spring	2.00
Lawson, Oliver A. & Myrtle F., 433 Spring	84.75
Leach, Ira A., 65 Plain	6.50
Leahy, John T., 332 Matfield	2.00
Leahy, Rosamond G., 332 Matfield	76.50
Leavitt, Daisy A. & Harry G., 547 N. Elm	110.25
Leavitt, Harry G., 547 N. Elm	2.00
Leavitt, Winfield C., 70 N. Elm	2.00
Leavitt, Winfield C. & Ethelyn R., 70 N. Main	74.25
LeBaron, Minnie K., Bridgewater	5.40
Ledin, Herbert A., 391 N. Elm	2.00
LeLacheur, Ellis S., Florida	169.50
Leonard, Charles E., 11 Willow	2.00
Leonard, Charles E., Est. of, 11 Willow	22.20
Leonard, J. Herbert, Trustee, Bridgewater	27.75
Leonard, Sybilla E., 11 Willow	47.40
Leonard, Sybilla E. et al, 11 Willow	286.95
Levi, Charles F., 870 W. Center	104.90
Levi, Stuart, 870 W. Center	2.00
Levi, Susan, Heirs or Devises, Brockton	.90
Lewis, Irving, 39 Brooks Place	94.50
Lewis, Joseph, 17 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Lewis, Wilveton, 50 Maolis Ave.	2.00

Liberty Club, The, c/o Antonio F. Perry, 615 N. Elm	34.50
Lindgren, Bertha E., 354 N. Elm	123.00
Lindgren, Ernest S., 354 N. Elm	2.00
Litchfield, Walter E., 15 Francis Ave.	2.00
Litchfield, Walter E. & Edith M., 15 Francis Ave.	77.25
Longie, Robert, Brockton	3.75
Lopes, Julio, 565 N. Elm	2.00
Lorimer, Clarence A., 392 Pleasant	91.85
Lothrop, Daniel J., 33 River	96.95
Lothrop, Ervin W., 11 Central Sq.	2.00
Lothrop, Helen H., 11 Central Sq.	112.50
Lothrop, Herbert A., 10 Charles	2.00
Lothrop, Herbert A. & Jennie W., 10 Charles	83.25
Lothrop, Leon A., 62 Sunset Ave.	11.00
Lothrop, Leon A. & Sadie A., 62 Sunset Ave.	103.50
Lovett, Charlotte L., 21 Cross	84.00
Lowthers, William J., 467 W. Center	2.00
Lowthers, William J. & Helen F., 467 W. Center	61.50
Luce, Arvin A., Heirs or Devisees, Brockton	3.75
Luciano, Michael, 327 S. Main	2.00
Luciano, Pasqualina, 327 S. Main	60.75
Lucini, Albert, 365 S. Main	124.25
Lucini, Corina, 365 S. Main	12.75
Luddy, Ellen T., 39 Bedford	60.00
Luddy, Ellen T. et al, 39 Bedford	15.00
Luddy, Francis J., 88 N. Main	2.00
Lupien, Leo C., 108 Bedford	48.50
Lupien, Rodolph S., 63 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Lupien, Rodolph S. & Dorothy M., 63 Sunset Ave.	116.25
Luz, Manuel, 18 Grant	72.50
Lyon, Harold S., 221 N. Main	426.95
Lyseth, Philip C., 486 N. Elm	2.00
Lyseth, Philip C. & R. Lucille, 486 N. Elm	90.00
MacCurrach, George A., 289 Matfield	2.00
MacCurrach, George A. & Florence M., 289 Matfield	55.50
MacDonald, Donald G., 271 S. Elm	96.50
MacDonald, John H., 51 River	2.00



MacDonald, Robert E., 256 S. Elm	2.00
MacDonald, Robert E. & Marion B., 256 S. Elm	117.75
MacDonald, Roderick & Esora, 156 S. Main	88.50
MacHardy, George F., 85 Bedford	2.00
MacHardy, George F. & Elizabeth F., 85 Bedford	53.25
Machin, Joseph, 113 Prospect	188.75
MacLean, Francis, 563 N. Elm	2.00
MacLean, John D., 563 N. Elm	2.00
MacLean, William J., 563 N. Elm	2.00
MacLean, William J. & Vida F., 563 N. Elm	97.50
MacLeod, Alice M., 668 W. Center	121.95
MacLeod, Ira M., 23 Pleasant	2.00
MacLeod, Ira M. & Doris M., 23 Pleasant	51.00
MacLeod, Wycliffe S., 668 W. Center	2.00
Macomber, William H., 102 W. Center	2.00
MacTighe, Charles R., 17 Merritt	2.00
MacTighe, Charles R. & Flora E., 17 Merritt	87.75
MacWilliams, Alexander, 401 Pleasant	2.00
MacWilliams, Alexander & Lulu, 401 Pleasant	150.75
Madan, Charles L., 104 Turnpike	2.00
Madan, Ethel M., 104 Turnpike	45.90
Madan, Gilbert L., 163 Copeland	2.00
Madan, Gilbert L. & Esther B., 163 Copeland	78.00
Madan, Lorenzo J., 104 Turnpike	2.00
Maglathlin, Sydney A., 16 Howard	192.50
Mahoney, Francis A., 49 River	2.00
Mahoney, John J., 32 Cyr	2.00
Mahoney, John J. & Catherine, 32 Cyr	75.15
Manchester, Clyde H., 27 Walnut	2.00
Manchester, Clyde H. & Ruth H., 27 Walnut	63.00
Manley, Weston et al, Brockton	2.10
Mansfield, Edward W., 202 N. Elm	2.00
Mansfield, Edward W. & Lillian M., 202 N. Elm	138.00
Manzer, Lloyd C., 129 Turnpike	6.05
Manzer, Lloyd C. & Winnifred, 129 Turnpike	74.55
Marble, Maud F., 196 W. Center	34.50
Marble, Maud F. & Willard F., 196 W. Center	87.00
Marble, Willard F., 196 W. Center	2.00
Martelli, Victor, 625 East	37.40

Martin, John A., 192 S. Main	17.00
Martin, John A. & Margaret E., 192 S. Main	99.00
Martin, John F., 115 S. Main	2.00
Martin, Joseph L., 35 Columbus Ave.	2.00
Martin, Manuel L., 35 Columbus Ave.	2.00
Martin, Mariano L., 35 Columbus Ave.	76.70
Martineau, Donald, 58 Woodland Road	2.00
Martineau, Edith M., 56 Woodland Road	33.75
Martineau, Theodore, 56 Woodland Road	2.00
Marzelli, Anthony R., 62 N. Main	2.00
Mason, Martha B., 69 S. Elm	89.25
Massod, Sarkis T., Brockton	9.00
Matfield Women's Club, Inc., 370 Matfield	15.00
Mattson, Ruben, 530 Manley	111.95
Mattson, Ruben & Adolph Johnson, 530 Manley	319.50
Maxim, George W., 23 Plain	2.00
Maxim, Mary E. & George W., 23 Plain	96.75
May, George W., 440 N. Elm	130.25
Mazza, Frank, 41 Sinnott	2.00
Mazza, Salvador, 41 Sinnott	75.65
Mazza, Savino, 368 N. Elm	2.00
McCarthy, James, 103 Crescent	2.00
McCarthy, Jeremiah J., 10 Beacon	141.50
McClung, John B., 161 Matfield	2.00
McCormick, Edward B., 160 S. Main	81.50
McCormick, Frank, 160 S. Main	2.00
McDonald, Edward F., 485 Matfield	2.00
McDonald, Mary R., 485 Matfield	80.25
McElroy, William, 486 W. Center	2.00
McFaddan, Francis J., 616 East	2.00
McFadden, James & Johanna, 616 East	64.50
McFarlan, John W., 389 Crescent	2.00
McFarlan, Marjorie E., 389 Crescent	85.50
McFarlan, Robert W., 389 Crescent	4.50
McGarry, Matthew E., 21 Emerson	87.80
McGrath, John J. & Elinor S.	12.90
McKeone, Clement J., 606 N. Elm	2.00
McMeneman, Bridget, 413 East	67.50
Medeiros, Manuel, 94 Walnut	2.00



Mein, William, 139 N. Elm	2.00
Mein, William & Margaret C., 139 N. Elm	112.50
Melendy, Norman A., 85 Walnut	2.00
Mello, Manuel J., 240 W. Center	147.50
Mello, Manuel M., 75 Bedford	5.00
Mello, Mary, 75 Bedford	66.75
Merrikin, Albert E., 51 Belmont	2.00
Merrikin, Albert E. & Ruth E., 51 Belmont	84.00
Merrill, Charles F., Jr., 58 S. Elm	2.00
Merrill, Charles F., Jr. & Theresa F., 58 S. Elm	112.50
Merrill, George G., 89 West	24.50
Merry, Clifford E., 259 Spring	83.75
Metcalf, Wilson H., 31 Hillside Ave.	81.50
Michalowski, John, 108 Union	17.78
Michalowski, John & Josephine, 108 Union	100.50
Miles, Thomas B., 404 Crescent	2.00
Miles, Thomas B. & Edith M., 404 Crescent	62.25
Miller, James H., 364 Spring	2.00
Miller, Laura, 137 East	226.50
Miller, Mary S. et al, 364 Spring	65.25
Miner, Charles E., 37 N. Main	2.00
Miner, Charles E. & Florence E., 37 N. Main	88.50
Minsky, David, 578 N. Elm	2.00
Minsky, Katie, 578 N. Elm	126.00
Mitchell, Willard I., Brockton	11.25
Mitchell, William G., Est. of, 358 Spring	103.50
Molin, Norman F., 239 Spring	2.00
Molito, James, Heirs or Devisees, 34 Columbus Ave.	9.00
Molito, Michael A., 34 Columbus Ave.	82.50
Molla, Ernest J., 634 East	2.00
Molla, Ernest J. & Margaret M., 634 East	80.25
Mondeau, Blanche B., E. Bridgewater	4.65
Montello Fed. Svgs. & Loan Assoc., Montello	87.75
Moody, Fred M., 148 N. Main	2.00
Moody, Minnie E. & Alice J., 148 N. Main	73.50
Moore, Clarence L., 541 Walnut	2.00
Moore, Edwin F., 59 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Moore, Edwin F. & Mary L., 59 Sunset Ave.	99.75
Moore, Marion E., 541 Walnut	362.40

Moore, Olive M., 134 S. Main	91.50
Moreira, Joseph, 131 Copeland	2.00
Morris, Anna M., 115 N. Main	92.25
Morse, Henry W., 113 Howard	2.00
Morse, Jesse L., 32 Plain	2.00
Morse, Jesse L. & Ada B., 32 Plain	66.75
Morse, Stephen A., 103 N. Main	2.00
Moses, Harrison C., 145 Matfield	2.00
Moses, Harrison C. & Gertrude, 145 Matfield	60.00
Mosher, Harwood S., 420 Crescent	2.00
Mosher, Sherman W., 420 Crescent	2.00
Mulcahy, Edwin A., 402 N. Elm	2.00
Mulcahy, Edwin A. & Hazel H., 402 N. Elm	78.75
Murdock, Ruth, Middleboro	18.75
Murray, James R., 13 Sunset Ave.	71.00
Murray, John J., 187 Crescent	2.00
Murray, Patrick J., 187 Crescent	2.00
Murray, Patrick J. & Delia, 187 Crescent	30.00
Mutual Federal Savings & Loan Association of Whitman, Whitman	255.90
Neirinck, Valare, 39 Copeland	2.00
Nelson, Arthur G., 234 N. Elm	2.00
Nelson, Arthur G., Jr., 234 N. Elm	2.00
Nelson, Gertrude, Worcester, Mass.	3.75
Nelson, P. Gordon, 1 Friend	2.00
Nelson, Signe E., 234 N. Elm	168.00
Nelson, William, 304 E. Center	2.00
Ness, Charles, Atlantic, Mass.	19.20
Ness, Oliver K. & Louise M., Brockton	51.00
Nevins, Harold E., 73 Thayer	2.00
Nevins, William H., 73 Thayer	57.90
Newcomb, Lizzie M., Brockton	1.05
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Boston	3085.50
Newman, Carl L., 364 Walnut	2.00
Nichols, Otis, 131 Matfield	2.00
Nichols, Ruth E. & Otis, 131 Matfield	47.40
Nickerson, Albert E., 67 Pleasant	2.00
Nickerson, Howard W., 11 High	2.00
Nickerson, Kenneth C., 14 Ellis Ave.	96.50

Nilson, Nils P., 27 Cyr	78.80
Noonan, Charles F., 544 N. Elm	113.00
Noonan, Susan E., Providence, R. I.	67.50
Nordahl, Emery C., 353 Forest	9.00
Nordgren, Alma C., 481 Spring	3.75
Nordgren, Charles, 481 Spring	35.00
Nordgren, Charles & Alma C., 481 Spring	121.50
Nordgren, Ralph H., 373 S. Elm	2.00
Norman, Andrew J., 189 West	31.55
Norris, James H. & Eliza A., 519 Spring	71.25
Norris, John H., 519 Spring	2.00
Norris, Joseph E., 519 Spring	2.00
Norris, Richard E., 352 W. Center	2.00
Norris, William, 519 Spring	2.00
Norris, William E., 398 N. Elm	2.00
Norris, William E. & Mary E., 398 N. Elm	87.75
North, Enoch E., 481 Manley	2.00
North, Wilfred W., 67 Ash	3.80
North, Wilfred W. & Lucille C., 67 Ash	79.50
North, William R., Kentville, N. S.	18.75
No. Easton Co-op. Bank, No. Easton	616.50
No. Easton Savings Bank, No. Easton	120.00
Novina-Sroczyńska, Władysława J., Whitman	96.00
Noyes, William W., 455 Spring	43.40
Nunckatessett Canoe Club, c/o Arthur Ryder, Charles St.	195.00
Nute, Ernest F., 188 South	2.00
Nute, Estelle M., 378 Matfield	83.25
Nute, Herbert E., 376 Matfield	2.00
Nute, Levi T., 378 Matfield	5.75
Nye, George B., 262 S. Main	2.00
O'Brien, Charles A., 60 Plain	2.00
O'Brien, Charles A. & Helen L., 60 Plain	93.75
O'Connor, George P., 269 N. Elm	256.25
Ohlson, Forrest E., 440 N. Elm	2.00
Ohlson, Carl R., 12 Crescent	91.25
Ohlson, Sumner, 12 Crescent	2.00
Olander, Holger, 466 Matfield	2.00
Olander, Holger & Johanne, 466 Matfield	84.00

Old Colony R. R. Company, Boston	158.72
Olsen, Aili W. & Roy N., 122 Lincoln	48.75
Olsen, James A., 322 Manley	2.00
Olsen, Roy N., 122 Lincoln	2.00
Olson, John, 314 Matfield	77.75
O'Shaughnessey, Anna M., 25 Hillside Ave.	73.50
O'Shaughnessey, John H., 25 Hillside Ave.	2.00
Osword, John P., Brockton	4.50
Otter, Daniel, 427 N. Elm	2.00
Otter, Daniel & Lena M., 427 N. Elm	107.25
Owens, Matthew, 205 Copeland	2.00
Owens, Matthew J. & Gladys M., 205 Copeland	81.00
Pacheco, Adolph, 50 Grant	2.00
Pacheco, Joseph, Heirs or Devisees, 50 Grant	1.80
Pacheco, Joseph J. et ux, 50 Grant	51.00
Packard, Abbie M., Stoughton, Mass.	32.40
Packard, Allan W., 451 Walnut	109.25
Packard, Charles E., 407 N. Elm	86.75
Packard, Elliot R., 216 N. Elm	2.00
Packard, Elliot R. & Evelyn, 216 N. Elm	124.50
Packard, Ellsworth E., 322 Matfield	80.00
Packard, Gordon M., 381 Spring	2.00
Packard, Gordon M. & M. Frances, 381 Spring	70.50
Packard, Harold O., 194 Matfield	57.50
Packard, Mary L., 67 Maolis Ave.	70.50
Packard, Walter T., Campello	.90
Packard, Warren D., 194 Matfield	2.00
Pagani, Antonio, 357 S. Main	12.20
Pagani, Rosie & Antonio, 357 S. Main	93.75
Paine, J. Alton, 79 River	87.20
Parker, Charles L., 17 Emerson	2.00
Parker, Clare E., 17 Walnut	98.75
Parker, Margaret M., 17 Emerson	78.00
Parry, Henry W., 287 River	2.00
Parry, Herman O., 287 River	2.00
Parry, Walter, 376 N. Elm	2.00
Paulding, Stewart E., 393 Spring	2.00
Payne, Carlton S., 26 Arch	2.00
Payne, Carlton S. & Winifred W., 26 Arch	96.00



Pearson, Carl R., 148 West	99.50
Pearson, Esther S., 308 Matfield	122.25
Pearson, John, 148 West	2.00
Pearson, Lewis W., 47 Plain	85.25
Pearson, Myrtle H., 408 Spring	114.00
Pearson, Oscar P., 308 Matfield	142.25
Pearson, Paulin E., Brockton	3.00
Pearson, Wilbur E., 408 Spring	2.00
Peck, Fred A., 146 S. Main	95.30
Peckham, Arthur C., c/o Ruth Latham, Campello	.75
Penpraese, Daniel A., 111 West	2.00
Penpraese, George H., 54 Grant	2.00
Penpraese, John A., 58 Grant	56.00
Penpraese, Justin S., 110 West	67.25
Penpraese, Mary G., 111 West	64.50
Penpraese, Richard H., 111 West	2.00
Penpraese, William F., 54 Grant	2.00
Penpraese, William F. & Annie, 54 Grant	58.50
Perkins, Arthur F., 190 River	2.00
Perkins, Arthur F. & Mildred B., 190 River	66.00
Perkins, Edgar E., 16 Francis Ave.	2.00
Perkins, Edgar E. & Frieda G., 16 Francis Ave.	68.25
Perkins, Faelton C., 96 Howard	2.00
Perkins, Faelton C. & Dorothy F., 96 Howard	93.00
Perkins, Sherman A., 210 N. Elm	2.00
Perkins, Sherman A. & Margaret A., 210 N. Elm	137.25
Perry, Anthony, 21 Bryant	50.75
Perry, Antoine C., 613 N. Elm	99.50
Perry, Antoine C., 183 Brooks Place	2.00
Perry, Arthur B., 613 N. Elm	2.00
Perry, Charles B., 572 N. Elm	2.00
Perry, Frances, 640 East	78.00
Perry, George F., 70 Ash	3.20
Perry, George F. et al, 70 Ash	75.00
Perry, George L., 134 S. Main	2.00
Perry, Jesse J., Bridgewater	39.75
Perry, Joseph C., 572 N. Elm	2.00
Perry, Josephine R. et al, 615 N. Elm	130.50
Perry, Lester B., 183 Brooks Place	2.00



Perry, Quintino, 14 Grant	2.00
Perry, Robert, 462 Matfield	2.00
Peters, Arthur, 93 West	2.00
Peters, Henrietta K., So. Easton	9.00
Peters, John P., 93 West	2.00
Peters, John & Mary, 93 West	52.50
Peters, MacDonald, 80 Howard	2.00
Peters, Manuel, 93 West	2.00
Peterson, Anna L., No. Easton	15.00
Peterson, Anna L., 57 N. Main	9.00
Peterson, Arthur E., 38 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Peterson, Arthur E. & Ethel F., 38 Sunset Ave.	93.00
Peterson, Carl W., 42 Clinton Road	2.00
Peterson, Claus I., 42 Clinton Road	2.00
Peterson, Elmer L., 294 Matfield	2.00
Peterson, Elmer L. & Anna E., 294 Matfield	54.00
Peterson, Ernest R., 42 Clinton Road	2.00
Peterson, Frank A., 345 Matfield	86.75
Peterson, G. Frederick & G. Willard, 63 E. Center	635.40
Peterson, G. Willard, 25 E. Center	159.50
Peterson, Inez L., 42 Clinton Road	23.55
Peterson, James P., 57 N. Main	118.40
Peterson, John, 179 Crescent	222.05
Peterson, John et ux, 22 Roosevelt Ave.	102.00
Peterson, J. Sidney, 373 Spring	2.00
Peterson, Lars, Heirs or Devisees, Brockton	1.05
Peterson, Lillian H., 22 Roosevelt Ave.	16.50
Peterson, Paul V., 63 Maple	2.00
Peterson, Wiktor W. M., 63 Maple	191.00
Peura, John, 238 Forest	85.25
Phelan, Philip S., 64 Clinton Road	13.25
Philbrick, Ralph F., 44 Pleasant	2.00
Philbrick, Sarah A. & Ralph F., 44 Pleasant	54.75
Philips, Lottie E., Easton	20.40
Phillips, William G., 78 Wodland Road	2.00
Phillips, William J., 78 Woodland Road	2.00
Phillips, William W., 402 W. Center	144.50
Phillips, William W. & Alma C., 402 W. Center	178.50

Phillips, William W. & N. Dorothy Fisher, 402 W. Center	12.00
Pierce, Ralph E., 272 N. Elm	2.00
Pike, Alice M., 137 Copeland	98.25
Pilla, Alphonse, 613 N. Elm	2.00
Pillsbury, Doris M., 506 N. Elm	168.75
Pillsbury, Frank E., 506 N. Elm	17.00
Pillsbury, Frederick N., 115 S. Main	2.00
Pillsbury, Frederick N. & Gertrude A., 115 S. Main	152.25
Pine Hill Cemetery, Prop. of, c/o Arthur Ryder, Charles St.	5.25
Pine Valley Golf Club, Inc., Brockton	15.00
Pingree, Mikel, 416 Spring	2.00
Pingree, Mikel & Frances, 416 Spring	67.50
Piver, Edmund B., 80 Copeland	83.00
Piver, Edwin B., 84 Copeland	2.00
Piver, Edwin B. & Eleanor I., 84 Copeland	60.75
Piver, Foster C., 97 Copeland	2.00
Piver, Joseph C., 97 Copeland	2.00
Piver, Louis B., 140 S. Main	2.00
Piver, Lucy, 97 Copeland	94.50
Piver, Manuel B., 173 Copeland	73.40
Piver, Manuel C., 97 Copeland	11.00
Piver, Peter B., Jr., 606 N. Elm	12.00
Piver, Roy, 97 Copeland	2.00
Pocius, Bronis & Mary, 457 East	63.75
Poyrier, Joseph R., 72 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Pomeroy, Harry J., 264 Matfield	2.00
Pomeroy, John R., 264 Matfield	2.00
Pope, A. Allan, 254 N. Elm	2.00
Pope, A. Allan & Bessie M., 254 N. Elm	142.50
Porter, Emmons C., 768 W. Center	331.40
Porter, Erland R., 415 West	216.35
Porter, Ernest J., 479 E. Center	2.00
Porter, Howard, So. Easton	18.00
Porter, Ida M., 29 Maolis Ave.	81.00
Porter, Joseph B., 29 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Porter, Raymond B., 127 Belmont	2.00

Porter, Warren A., 214 Copeland	2.00
Powell, Bert, 328 Manley	2.00
Powell, Harry H., 326 Manley	2.00
Powers, David B., 445 Spring	2.00
Powers, David B. & Marjorie M., 445 Spring	93.90
Pratt, Edwin L., Heirs or Devisees, 311 East	83.70
Pratt, Ernest T., 15 Crescent	2.00
Pratt, Ernest T. & May J., 15 Crescent	90.00
Pratt, Eula C., 209 N. Main	200.70
Pratt, John H., 209 N. Main	2.00
Pratt, Sherman, Heirs or Devisees, Raynham	2.40
Pratt, Warren A., 174 S. Main	72.75
Presby, George P., c/o Home Nat. Bank, Brockton	13.50
Price, Emma L. et al, 14 Grant	88.50
Pross, William H., 316 N. Elm	2.00
Prout, William P., 384 E. Center	2.75
Provost, Harriett A., 234 W. Center	70.50
Puffer, Clarence C., 345 S. Elm	240.50
Puffer, Clarence C. & Minnie J. R., 345 S. Elm	193.50
Purdy, Leonard A., 121 E. Center	11.00
Purdy, Leonard A. & Grace M., 121 E. Center	96.75
Quadros, Manuel A., 55 Progressive Ave.	25.25
Radigan, Frederick, 124 Turnpike	2.00
Radigan, Frederick & Julia, 124 Turnpike	47.25
Raymond, Janet S., 91 River	129.00
Raymond, Richard A., 91 River	2.00
Read, Arthur L., 355 Matfield	2.00
Read Brothers, 730 N. Main	21.00
Read, Christopher, 355 Matfield	83.75
Read, Samuel A., 247 Matfield	2.00
Read, Samuel A. & Hattie M., 247 Matfield	85.50
Reagan, George S., 88 N. Main	2.00
Reardon, Cornelius L., 103 N. Main	2.00
Reardon, Francis J., 61 Plain	2.00
Redfield, William L., 36 W. Center	110.00
Redmann, Dorothy F. & Helen C., 231 River	7.50
Redmann, Fannie R., 231 River	111.00
Redmann, Fannie R. et al, 231 River	19.80
Redmann, Fannie R. & George F. Ryder, 231 River	1.80

Redmann, Robert H., 231 River	131.75
Reed, George L., 484 East	65.75
Reid, Lizzie G., 498 Manley	94.50
Reid, Roland F., 504 Manley	48.50
Reid, Wesley R., 498 Manley	12.20
Resimini, Louis, Bridgewater	4.20
Resimini, Mary, Bridgewater	7.50
Revere, Paul, 196 River	88.25
Reynolds, Howard L., 17 Plain	91.25
Reynolds, James T., Jr., Trustee, Brockton	5.10
Reynolds, John A., 326 Matfield	2.00
Reynolds, John A. & Margaret A., 326 Matfield	64.50
Reynolds, Lester W., 26 Plain	2.00
Reynolds, Lester W. & Alice L., 26 Plain	66.75
Rezendes, Joseph, 11 Keenan	47.75
Rhodes, George, S. Bellingham, Mass.	54.00
Ricard, Alexander, 369 E. Center	2.00
Rice, Ernest O., 42 Brooks Place	106.70
Rice, Kenneth, 61 Commonwealth Ave.	2.00
Richard, LeRoy, 260 Matfield	2.00
Richard, LeRoy & Vera, 260 Matfield	57.00
Richards, Hannah, 1 Plain	6.00
Richards, Harriet E., Brookline, Mass.	12.00
Richards, Howard M., 196 Howard	2.00
Richards, Jennie R., 196 Howard	159.75
Richards, John M., 1 Plain	144.50
Richardson, Ellen R. & Harry G., 320 Walnut	75.75
Richardson, Harry G., 320 Walnut	2.00
Riddell, William, 32 Walnut	2.00
Ridgeway, Elizabeth, Heirs or Devises, 214 Copeland	69.00
Ridgeway, Warren V., 214 Copeland	2.00
Ripley, Chester R., 188 South	2.00
Ripley, Chester R. & Marion T., 188 South	51.00
Ripley, Clara J., Heirs or Devises, 200 South	66.00
Ripley, Jennie L. & Louise H., 495 E. Center	183.00
Ripley, Mary J. & Chester R., 200 South	67.50
Rizel, John, 612 N. Elm	2.00
Rizel, John & Annie A., 612 N. Elm	107.25



Roach, Michael F., E. Bridgewater	15.00
Roberts, Alice O., 110 East	231.75
Roberts, Edward J. & Mamie L., Campello	6.60
Roberts, Ernest M., 110 East	15.50
Roberts, Robert A., 365 N. Elm	108.50
Roberts, Stuart W., 110 East	2.00
Roberts, Walter O., 110 East	2.00
Robinson, Ernest W., 19 Ash	2.00
Robinson, Ernest W. & Viola R., 19 Ash	93.00
Robitaille, Charles O., 50 Union	13.85
Rockwell, Clifton J., 20 Arch	2.00
Rockwell, Clifton J. & Margaret A., 20 Arch	81.75
Rogers, Joseph, 14 South	2.00
Rogerson, George W., 93 Copeland	2.00
Rokowsky, Peter, 586 Manley	2.00
Rolfe, Frank J., 737 W. Center	2.00
Rollins, Leo F., 246 Matfield	24.50
Rollins, Leo F. & Helen W., 246 Matfield	93.00
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, c/o Rev. C. L. Reardon, 103 N. Main	81.00
Rosen, Emelia, 44 South	130.50
Rosen, John, 44 South	122.50
Rosnell, Charles J., 21 Hillside Ave.	2.00
Rosnell, Charles J. & Irma F., 21 Hillside Ave.	75.00
Ross, Fred D., Saugus, Mass.	22.50
Ross, Gordon K., 12 Central Sq.	2.00
Ross, Maud F., 37 Francis Ave.	88.50
Rossi, Joseph, 230 Copeland	2.00
Rossi, Joseph & Ernesta, 230 Copeland	54.00
Rostedt, Eino E. & Hilda C., Stony Road	19.50
Roulstone, Forrest R., 17 Spring	2.00
Roulstone, Forrest R. & Dora E., 17 Spring	75.00
Rowe, Percy L., 18 Ellis Ave.	2.00
Rubeski, Charles, 386 W. Center	2.00
Rubin, Anna B., Brockton	99.00
Rubin, Charles V., 576 N. Elm	2.00
Rubin, John, E. Bridgewater	13.50
Ryder, Arthur E., 15 Charles	118.25
Ryder, George F., 322 E. Center	28.25



Ryder, George F., Adm., 322 E. Center	426.60
Ryder, Ralph D., 322 E. Center	37.25
Ryder, Raymond H., 453 E. Center	2.00
Salvador, Antonia M., 11 Progressive Ave.	46.50
Salvador, Frank M., 11 Progressive Ave.	48.50
Salvador, John M., 11 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Salvador, Joseph M., 2nd, 32 Roosevelt Ave.	53.75
Sampson, Harry F., 52 Walnut	77.75
Sampson, Miriam H. & Joseph W. Hathaway, Cambridge	12.75
Sanborn, Frank, 500 Spring	2.00
Sanborn, Frank & Gladys M., 500 Spring	165.75
Sanderson, George S., Shirley, Mass.	.90
Santino, Joseph, 168 S. Main	2.00
Sapols, Annie, 148 Turnpike	61.50
Sapols, Charles P., 148 Turnpike	2.00
Satucket Athletic Assn., Campello	96.00
Savage, Homer G., 56 Pleasant	189.30
Savage, Raymond, 202 W. Center	2.00
Sawyer, Harry J., 215 W. Center	2.00
Scovell, Paul H., 312 East	2.00
Scranton, Harvey A., 54 Prospect	2.00
Scranton, Harvey A. et al, 54 Prospect	123.75
Scully, Joseph H., 189 Copeland	2.00
Seaberg, George W. & William J., 295 Matfield	55.50
Seaberg, William J., 295 Matfield	2.00
Seaburg, Florence, 539 N. Elm	114.00
Seaburg, Harold, 539 N. Elm	2.00
Seager, Edward W., 36 Plain	85.25
Seager, John E., 448 Matfield	65.75
Sears, Evangeline L., 10 Francis Ave.	72.00
Sears, Lloyd W., 10 Francis Ave.	2.00
Seavey, Beatrice O. & Warren C., 479 E. Center	147.00
Seavey, Warren C., 479 E. Center	32.00
Security Fed. Savings & Loan Assn. of Brockton, Brockton	202.05
Seem, Max, 93 Copeland	2.00
Seymour, Frank, 376 N. Elm	2.00
Shader, E. G., 160 N. Elm	2.00

Shader, Evelyn W., 160 N. Elm	110.25
Shader, Evelyn B. & Ida M. Alger, 160 N. Elm	3.75
Shaw, Clarence E., Brockton	6.00
Shaw, George D., 420 N. Elm	2.00
Shaw, Henry W., 29 Ellis Ave.	2.00
Shaw, Mildred F. & Henry W., 29 Ellis Ave.	99.00
Shaw, Nathaniel G. & Bessie L., 395 N. Elm	125.40
Shaw, Ruby A., 420 N. Elm	105.75
Sheehan, John T., 57 N. Main	2.00
Sheidow, Thomas S., Providence, R. I.	4.50
Shields, Mary A.	55.50
Shields, William, Brockton	5.40
Shipman, Mary F., Heirs or Devises	120.00
Sigren, Hjalmar, 223 Matfield	174.50
Silva, Arthur M., 417 Matfield	2.00
Silva, Julia et al, 27 Progressive Ave.	47.25
Silva, Lewis, 15 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Silva, Manuel P., 285 East	84.50
Silva, Raymond L., 49 Brooks Place	2.00
Silva, Theresa, 113 Copeland	74.25
Silveria, Antonio F., 395 Crescent	2.00
Silveria, John, 35 Roosevelt Ave.	69.50
Silveria, John, Jr., 529 Spring	3.20
Silveria, Mary C., 131 Copeland	87.00
Simono, Frank E., 253 Matfield	6.50
Simono, Frank E. & Angelina J., 253 Matfield	79.50
Simono, Frank W., 298 Matfield	2.00
Simono, Frank W. & Louise, 298 Matfield	61.50
Sinclair, Ralph L., 46 Belmont	2.00
Sinclair, Ralph L. et al, 46 Belmont	79.50
Sisson, Charles G., 30 Charles	53.00
Slade, O. Elmer, 96 S. Elm	2.00
Slade, William E., 96 S. Elm	2.00
Slade, S. Agnes, 96 S. Elm	281.25
Slaney, Elmer M., 487 W. Center	2.00
Slate, Anna M., 35 Commonwealth Ave.	44.40
Smith, Alice D., 596 Walnut	54.15
Smith, Cecil C., 509 N. Elm	2.00
Smith, Clarence, 2 Cyr	51.50

Smith, Donald P., 400 Forest	2.00
Smith, Donald P. & Svea, 400 Forest	19.50
Smith, Donald W., 52 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Smith, George A., 42 Ellis Ave.	2.00
Smith, George A. & Edna F., 42 Ellis Ave.	67.50
Smith, George W., 194 N. Elm	2.00
Smith, George W. & Edith E., 194 N. Elm	123.75
Smith, Jessie S., 60 N. Main	66.00
Smith, Thomas F., 52 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Smith, Thomas F. & Elizabeth, 52 Maolis Ave.	76.50
Smith, Victor H., 509 N. Elm	2.00
Snell, Arthur C., 417 Matfield	88.25
Snell, Elizabeth M., 352 Spring	157.20
Snell, Horace R., 359 N. Elm	2.00
Snell, Horace R. & Marion F., 359 N. Elm	76.80
Snell, T. Prescott, 332 N. Elm	164.75
Snell, Warren P., 352 Spring	2.00
Snow, Albert C., 20 Forest	52.55
Snow, Edgar W., 120 S. Main	108.50
Snow, Gustava F., Heirs or Devisees, 416 Matfield	77.10
Snow, Joseph C., Cambridge, Mass.	7.50
Snow, Merton W., 120 S. Main	2.00
Snow, Stella J., 20 Forest	6.00
Soell, Frederick, 40 Walnut	2.00
Soule, Basil M., 14 Merritt	2.00
Soule, Basil M. & Lena L., 14 Merritt	106.50
Soule, Lawrence, 216 Howard	2.00
Soule, Willard I., 14 Merritt	2.00
Southworth, Stephen E., Easton, Mass.	6.00
Souza, Albert C., 13 Columbus Ave.	2.00
Souza, Antoine, 79 Howard	2.00
Souza, Antoine & Elma, 79 Howard	79.50
Souza, Frank, 97 Brooks Place	2.00
Souza, John C., 13 Columbus Ave.	67.40
Souza, Joseph, 23 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Souza, Manuel J., 218 Forest	2.00
Souza, Manuel J. & Mary J., 218 Forest	54.00
Souza, Walter, 23 Progressive Ave.	2.00
Sparrow, Augustus H., Boston	9.00

Spear, James W., 63 Maolis Ave.	2.00
Spears, Raymond E., 520 W. Center	2.00
Spillane, Michael B., 272 Matfield	2.00
Sproul, Robert, 24 Walnut	2.00
Stankus, Anthony J., 471 Matfield	2.00
Stankus, Anthony & Veronika, 471 Matfield	115.50
Stankus, Charles A., 471 Matfield	2.00
Stanley, Leslie, 488 W. Center	2.00
Stanley, Leslie & Bernice K., 488 W. Center	55.50
Staples, Albert F., 387 N. Elm	3.50
Staples, Albert F. et al, 387 N. Elm	118.50
Staples, Lloyd E., 470 Matfield	2.00
Staples, Lloyd E. & Priscilla A., 470 Matfield	103.50
Staples, Richard W., 406 Forest	17.00
Stevens, George H., 56 Clinton Road	22.25
Stevenson, William, Bridgewater	3.75
Stiles, Harry, 80 Howard	2.00
Stockwell, Horace S., 15 Commonwealth Ave.	50.00
Stokes, William J., 36 Walnut	2.00
St. Onge, Ovila, 80 Copeland	2.00
Straffin, A. Franklin, Campello	52.50
Straffin, A. Franklin et al, Campello	130.50
Straffin & Andre, 499 W. Center	24.00
Sullivan, Charles E., 383 Crescent	74.00
Sullivan, Daniel T., 287 S. Main	32.00
Sullivan, Elmer F., 32 Sinnott	2.00
Sullivan, Iva N. et al, 383 Crescent	1.50
Sullivan, Jeremiah, Brockton	3.00
Sullivan, John L., 145 Bryant	73.25
Sullivan, Michael, 105 W. Center	91.25
Sullivan, Patrick, 287 S. Main	2.00
Sullivan, Philip, Heirs or Devisees, 287 S. Main	123.00
Sullivan, Thomas, 34 South	2.00
Sunset Avenue Cong. Church Corp.	55.50
Swann, Horace E., 47 Ash	2.00
Swann, Horace E. & Elizabeth, 47 Ash	70.50
Swanson, Arthur, 188 Matfield	2.00
Swanson, Ellen J., 50 Matfield	47.40
Swanson, Mary, Matfield St.	18.00



Swanson, Oscar, 50 Matfield	2.00
Swanson, Roy S., 50 Matfield	2.00
Sweeney, Lillian B., 157 N. Elm	177.00
Sweinimer, Joseph H., 506 W. Center	2.00
Sweinimer, Joseph H. & Lena M., 506 W. Center	102.00
Sweinimer, Joseph H., Jr., 506 W. Center	14.00
Sylvia, Arthur, 113 Copeland	2.00
Sylvia, Edward S., 39 Copeland	7.25
Sylvia, John A., 39 Copeland	2.00
Szemeta, Leon, 395 E. Center	2.00
Taylor, Henry F., 58 South	85.25
Taylor, Howard B., 393 Spring	2.00
Taylor, Jordan C., 31 Crescent	20.00
Taylor, Jordan C. & Jeanne E., 31 Crescent	144.00
Taylor, Walter R., 320 East	2.00
Teixeira, John S., 63 Brooks Place	2.00
Teixeira, Joseph, 63 Brooks Place	2.00
Temple, William F., 153 Bryant	5.00
Thayer, Charles B., 262 S. Main	2.00
Thayer, Edwin E., 745 N. Main	2.00
Thayer, Edwin H., 180 East	294.80
Thayer, Joseph E., 16 Union	120.50
Thayer, Joseph E. & Edwin H., 16 Union	94.50
Thayer, Mae R., 262 S. Main	94.50
Thayer, Milton C., Heirs or Devisees, Brockton	4.50
Thomas, Francis E., 138 N. Elm	107.75
Thompson, Cassie G. A., 40 Clinton Road	12.00
Thompson, Errol M., 137 East	2.00
Thompsn, Henry C. & Ethel P., Braintree, Mass.	20.40
Thompson, James C. & Sarah L., So. Easton	18.30
Thompson, Linwood K., 137 East	2.00
Thompson, Mary S., 44 W. Center	144.75
Thompson, Clarence H., 61 Commonwealth Ave.	99.50
Tillgren, Emelia et al, 140 South	42.90
Tillgren, Hugo A., 140 South	2.00
Tinkham, Howard A., 136 Copeland	2.00
Tinkham, Joseph E. et al, Campello	.60
Tobin, Alexander F., 296 N. Elm	2.00
Tobin, Annie M., 296 N. Elm	120.00



Tower, Alice B. & Harry L., Brockton	89.25
Towers, Walter H., 449 N. Elm	112.55
Tracy, Roger F., 45 Howard	2.00
Travers, Joseph B., 109 Copeland	75.50
Travers, Manuel, 15 Progressive Ave.	60.00
Travers, Manuel C., 76 Copeland	14.00
Travers, Manuel C. & Sophia I., 76 Copeland	103.50
Travers, Sophia I., 76 Copeland	7.50
Trocchi, Ermando, Bridgewater	1.20
Trustees of M. E. Society, 520 W. Center	5.25
Tuck, Charles E., 156 Spring	2.00
Tuck, Charles E. & Doris L., 156 Spring	123.00
Tuck, Josiah C., 192 Spring	91.25
Tucker, George G., 105 Union	2.00
Tucker, George G. & Mary Morse, 105 Union	96.00
Turner, C. Frank, 9 N. Main	2.00
Turner, Charles F., 93 Copeland	2.00
Turner, Warren A., 20 Scotland	2.00
Tuski, Adam, 396 W. Center	5.00
Turski, Anthony C., 269 West	169.25
Tyrer, Lloyd P., 45 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Tyrer, Lloyd P. & Dorothy N., 45 Sunset Ave.	86.25
Unity Lodge No. 189, S. F. of A., c/o Carl E. Lind, Brockton	33.00
Upham, May A., Ocean Bluff, Mass.	86.25
Upton, Earl D., Bridgewater	35.25
Valentine, Thurston O., 214 W. Center	2.00
VanDyke, Charles W., 130 Matfield	84.50
VanDyke, Eva E., 130 Matfield	7.50
VanDyke, Harold B., 455 N. Elm	2.00
VanDyke, Thurston, 130 Matfield	2.00
VanDyke, Victor J., 130 Matfield	2.00
Varnum, Wallace L., Trustee, Brockton	7.50
Vaughn, Starett O., 461 Matfield	2.00
Ventura, Arthur, Taunton	.30
Ventura, Joseph O., 140 S. Main	2.00
Verity, Edward A., 630 N. Main	2.00
Verity, Edward B., 630 N. Main	2.00
Verity, Gertrude A., 630 N. Main	40.50

Veronisi, Cora E., 403 East	43.50
Veronisi, Dante, 403 East	2.00
Viegas, Benjamin S., c/o J. J. Braga, 572 N. Elm	57.00
Viegas, Bernardino S., c/o J. J. Braga, 572 N. Elm	60.00
Vinton, William H., 35 Sunset Ave.	2.00
Visnauskas, Anthony, 217 Crescent	7.70
Visnauskas, Antanas & Rozaliza, 217 Crescent	190.50
Visnauskis, John, Eastondale	.75
Vosmus, Everett S., 368 N. Elm	2.00
Vosmus, Hattie E., 368 N. Elm	79.50
Wager, Joseph, 183 Brooks Place	2.00
Waite, Earl H., 12 Hillside Ave.	2.00
Waite, Earl H. & Florence C., 12 Hillside Ave.	64.50
Waksnorius, Charles, 148 Turnpike	2.00
Walden, Hannah C., 188 N. Elm	108.75
Walker, Nathan K., 42 Sunset Ave.	78.50
Ward, A. Percy, 32 Merritt	2.00
Ward, Herbert D., Brockton	7.50
Ward, William A., 381 N. Elm	2.00
Wardwell, Lawrence W., 58 South	2.00
Warner, Lillian P., 3 Prospect	154.50
Warner, Lloyd F., 3 Prospect	2.00
Washburn, Albert L., 451 Matfield	2.00
Washburn, Albert L. & Mary I., 451 Matfield	88.50
Washburn, Charles F., 25 Sinnott	2.00
Washburn, Eben N., 90 Matfield	2.00
Washburn, Eben N & Mary E., 90 Matfield	40.50
Washburn, George S., 165 E. Center	60.50
Washburn, Nellie O. et al, 482 E. Center	59.25
Washwell, James, 586 Manley	2.00
Washwell, John, 460 Walnut	91.40
Washwell, Joseph J., 586 Manley	154.85
Washwell, Mary & Joseph, 586 Manley	282.00
Waugh, Emelie W., Brockton	22.50
Waugh, George C., 135 N. Elm	2.00
Webber, Harry T., 136 Copeland	2.00
Webster, Fritz M., 26 Cross	9.50
Webster, Winnifred A., 26 Cross	114.75
Wedge, Romeo J., 12 Hillside Ave.	2.00

Weir, Oscar W. R., Eastondale	1.95
Wells, Alfred T., 69 Howard	108.50
Wentworth, Esther R. & Elizabeth E., S. Elm St.	15.00
West, Lybia F., 19 Sinnott	2.00
West, Russell L., 292 N. Elm	2.00
West, Russell L. & Marion C., 292 N. Elm	109.50
Western Union Tel. Co., New York City	63.00
Wetherill, Robert H., 56 Plain	68.25
Wetterberg, David A., 304 Matfield	2.00
Wetterberg, David A. et al, 304 Matfield	76.50
Wetterberg, Ernest W., 304 Matfield	2.00
Wetterberg, George W., 304 Matfield	2.00
Wheeler, Ada W., 352 W. Center	117.75
White, Charles H., 17 Central Sq.	2.00
White, David S., Richmond, Maine	7.50
White, Gertrude F., 17 Central Sq.	147.75
White, Howard C., 35 S. Main	2.00
White, Mary G., 35 S. Main	132.00
Whiting, Emma J., 202 W. Center	117.00
Whitmarsh, Willard F., Bridgewater	45.00
Wilbar, Harvey S., 328 East	2.00
Wilbar, LaForest H., 328 East	2.00
Wilbur, Gerald L., 395 Crescent	2.00
Wilbur, Howard B., 35 E. Center	11.00
Wilbur, Howard B. et al, 35 E. Center	27.60
Wilbur, Nahum, 395 Crescent	31.25
Wilbur, Sarah E. et al, Westerly, R. I.	3.75
Wilcox, John G., Maynard, Mass.	30.00
Williams, Charlotte L., 45 River	51.75
Williams, Herbert I., 482 N. Elm	2.00
Williams, Herbert I. & Lena I., 482 N. Elm	91.50
Williams, Lawrence, 540 N. Elm	2.00
Williams, Lewis E., 239 Spring	44.25
Williams, Walter C., 141 Copeland	2.00
Willis, Albert W., 493 Manley	107.00
Willis, Charles E., 493 Manley	2.00
Willis, Lawrence H., 21 Crescent	2.00
Willis, Lawrence H. & Clara T., 21 Crescent	98.25
Willis, Russell S., 408 Crescent	2.00

Willis, Russell & Mildred I., 408 Crescent	62.25
Winberg, Albert D., 415 West	2.00
Winberg, Anna E., 481 Manley	85.50
Winberg, Arvid L., 686 Manley	23.00
Winberg, Emil G., 686 Manley	5.75
Winberg, Leonard A., 581 Manley	2.00
Winberg, Melvin G., 581 Manley	2.00
Winslow, Samuel R., 322 Manley	2.00
Wood, Alexander H. M., 351 Manley	217.55
Wood, Eben T., 145 Spring	182.00
Wood, Eben T. & Ada M., 145 Spring	287.25
Woodward, Henry F., 65 Plain	2.00
Woodward, Henry F., Jr., 65 Plain	2.00
Woodward, Herbert, 54 Sunset Ave.	103.25
Woodward, Robert A., 65 Plain	2.00
Worster, Harold O., 359 N. Elm	2.00
Worthing, Fredric H., 365 Spring	2.00
Worthing, Laura W., 365 Spring	139.50
Young, Carl F., 154 N. Main	2.00
Young, Everett E., 35 Charles	2.00
Young, Everett E. & H. Florence, 35 Charles	228.00
Young, Herbert, Jr., 135 Charles	2.00
Young, Joseph, 113 Prospect	2.00
Yusokas, Joseph, 473 Spring	2.00
Zeuli, Alexanter, 671 W. Center	23.00
Zeuli, Pasquale, 397 W. Center	2.00
Zingarelli, Mary R., 74 Matfield	41.25
Zingarelli, Michael, 74 Matfield	2.00



## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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Early in January a proposition was made to the Selectmen to furnish a stage curtain without cost to the Town. After some investigation, the offer was accepted and a curtain was provided as apparent to visitors of the Hall.

Several meetings were held with County Commissioners regarding Highways, contemplated for rebuilding in 1939, which however had to be laid over as the State Legislature, because of restricted funds, decided no Chapter 90 for the year 1940. This decision changed the plans and as the State allowed some repairs under Chapter 81, a new layout was necessary. It was finally arranged with the Department of Public Works that, working under Chapter 81, we might resurface Plain Street, widen and resurface East Center Street and widen and lower the grade on North Elm Street 3 feet by removing the bridge and filling the gap up to the new grade. Both the bridges on North Elm Street and Spring Street were sold. This work was planned, as reported in the 1939 report, to be done under Town supervision with WPA labor. The State Dept. of Public Works, however, secured a plan whereby the repairs, state-wide, could use local WPA labor and the work now in progress on this street is being done under this arrangement. Later, East Center Street will be repaired under the same plan.

Some time elapsed studying the advisability of how best to proceed to build the two additional offices. Several bids were received but it was finally decided to construct the same with WPA labor, also to repair the Vault, install a drainage system, curb the driveway and make such additional changes in the Selectmen's and Town Clerk's offices as necessary because of the additional offices. This required some plastering, painting



and, because of the loss of windows in both rooms, a mechanical system of ventilation. The Vault, drainage and curbing was under the regular WPA funds. The offices and necessary changes were under WPA by special appropriation made at the Annual Town Meeting.

Several days prior to the April primaries one of the hot air furnaces collapsed and being beyond repair it was necessary to install some system of providing heat for the upper hall. Contact was made with several heating agents and finally a steam heating system was installed in the lower hall and later in the Fall extended to the upper hall.

An effort was made to secure an approved WPA project to paint the Town Hall, but failed. The policy of the WPA is to paint once, which had been done in 1935, after which they deem it up to the municipality as maintenance costs to paint the buildings.

During the late Summer the spillway dam which controls the flow of water through the Park partly collapsed with the remaining part ready to give way under ice and water pressure. A WPA project has been forwarded to Washington for approval to properly rebuild this spillway which at the time of original construction must have been a makeshift job. The main dam rebuild in 1935 is apparently in perfect condition.

In turning the construction of North Elm Street at the Railroad Bridge over to the State Department of Public Works, we conceded that the steel bridge over the Town River on Forest Street, as proposed earlier, could not be constructed under the appropriation of Chapter 90. Also, it was decided that when this bridge is replaced it should be constructed of stone, thereby conserving not only the type of the other bridges over this stream but also the historic and scenic beauty. This is a matter for near future consideration as the bridge is narrow and not too safe for present day traffic.

At this writing, time is being spent with the County Commissioners and State Public Works relative to pro-

posed improvements to several of our highways, and with the Federal Government in the matter of rebuilding West Center Street from West Street to the Easton line. We may hope this will be accomplished during 1941-1942.

This Department has known for years that great inconvenience has been experienced in the Jerusalem District because of the lack of early attention to snow storms. This has been because of insufficient equipment. This year the Machinery Account has permitted the purchase of an additional Snow Plow. With this added equipment arrangements have been made for immediate attention to the snow problem in the Jerusalem District. Also this Machinery Account permitted the expenditure for a Sand Spreader which has long been needed and the order was placed for the same.

JAMES A. HEMENWAY,  
JOSEPH B. PORTER,  
CARL R. PEARSON,  
*Selectmen of West Bridgewater.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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During the year 1940 we have been fortunate in the low disease statistics shown by the records in this office. In 1939 there were 72 cases of Measles alone reported and recorded. In 1940 only 3 cases of Measles, 4 cases of Chicken Pox, 2 cases of Mumps, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Whooping Cough, 1 case of German Measles, and 1 case of Dog Bite not rabid. A total of 14 reportable cases in 1940 as against 77 cases in 1939.

The following extract from the Journal of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is not only interesting reading but very instructive. Cooperation with the authorities has almost eliminated several diseases which were expected annually in every community. With strict attention to the advice of the State Board and your local doctor much more can be done to protect the members of our families and prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

"It is encouraging to know that the parents are coming to regard measles as a serious disease. Too frequently in the past when a child developed the disease it was dismissed with the remark, 'It's only measles,' and the child was allowed to come and go at will. As a result, these children frequently suffered from a complication of measles or from another, superimposed contagious disease. Many times this neglect has meant either the death or serious crippling of the child.

Many parents still do not realize that measles is most dangerous to the extremely young. Statistics show that more than half of those who die of the disease have not reached their second birthday and nearly 80 out of 100 have not reached their fifth birthday. The situa-

tion was even worse in the ten years preceding 1930 when 90 out of 100 were under five years of age, but protection of the very young has decreased the relative number of deaths at that age.

Statistics also show the remarkable drop in the deaths from measles in the last ten years. This decrease has been due in a large part to the better medical and nursing care of measles cases as a result of the education of parents by physicians, public health workers, articles in public health bulletins, newspapers and magazines. Local boards of health have assumed their full share of this responsibility in many communities, requiring board of health physicians and communicable disease nurses to impress upon those in households where measles occur that good care of the patient is necessary, and that, if called early, the physician may be able to modify the disease in the exposed, susceptible family contacts.

We know from long experience that measles will return in epidemics to every community at more or less regular intervals. The larger the community or the closer the town to a populous center the shorter the interval between epidemics. Since there is no method of preventing the return of the disease to the community, we must concentrate our efforts on postponing exposure in the young and on the care and treatment of those who become ill."

(Extract from the Journal of Mass. Dept. of Public Health.)

JAMES A. HEMENWAY,  
JOSEPH B. PORTER,  
CARL R. PEARSON,  
*Board of Health of West Bridgewater.*



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of the West Bridgewater Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1940.

### VALUE LOSSES AND INSURANCE PAID

Assessors estimated value of property where fires have occurred including buildings and contents.

Assessors' value of buildings	\$29,350.00
Insurance on buildings	41,000.00
Insurance paid on buildings	4,260.00
Value contents	14,975.00
Insurance on contents	15,300.00
Insurance paid on contents lost	148.00

The department has traveled 389 miles; laid 12,850 feet chemical hose, 2,050 feet 2½ inch hose and 1,200 feet 1½ inch hose; raised 760 feet of ladders; used 31 gallons of chemical; Engines have pumped 29½ hours.

### INSPECTION

I have inspected all school buildings with regard to fire hazards at least twice during the school year and found them in good condition.

### INVESTIGATION

I have investigated six complaints and five calls from the Fire Tower located in Hanson.

### CALL FORCE

The call force consists of one chief, one deputy chief, two captains, fifteen privates and five forest fire wardens.



### APPARATUS

One 500 gallon triple combination Buffalo Delux Equipment on Diamond T. chassis, purchased in 1937.

One Maxim 500 gallon triple combination purchased in 1924.

### BUILT BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 1938

One Chevrolet combination with 120 gallon tank and pump used to extinguish grass and woods fires.

### PRESENTED BY LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION POST

One 12 foot boat and trailer presented to the Town for emergencies.

### FIRE ALARM AND SCHOOL SIGNAL

Siren and tapper system tested daily except Sundays.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE

CHIEF 4137-W

STATION 4137-R

#### Fires

Frame buildings	28
Grass and woodland (area burned 9½ acres)	31
Rubbish	20
Dumps	2
Aid call	1
False	2
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Total calls answered	84

#### Permits

Oil burner permits	18
Open air fires	87

## REMEMBER

All fires in the open air require a written permit from the Chief of the Fire Department.

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Sec. 4, Chap. 148. No fuel oil burner shall be installed and no fuel oil in excess of ten (10) gallons shall be kept or stored in any building or other structure without a permit having been obtained therefor from the Marshall, providing that if building is used for habitation, such permit must be obtained from the Head of Fire Department.

To help keep your fire losses small CALL YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY on discovering a fire either in a building, grassland or woodland.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and all others who have in any way helped the Department.

To the officers and members of the Department I extend my sincere thanks for their cooperation.

Again this year we have three members of the Department who have attended the Massachusetts Firemen's Training School in Brockton under the direction of Lieutenant Papineau, Drillmaster.

## INVITATION

To the citizens of the Town I again extend a cordial invitation to visit the Fire Station any Monday evening and get acquainted with your Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. BOURNE,  
*Chief of the Fire Department.*

## REPORT OF THE ACTING CHIEF

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the first six months of the year 1940:

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
Unexpended balance	1,083.12
Breaking and entering	4
Complaints and investigations	33
Number of arrests	3

Causes of arrests:

Breaking and entering	4
Drunk	1
Admitted to insane hospital	1

Miscellaneous:

Automobile accidents	21
Accidents where persons taken to doctor	2
Accidents where persons taken to hospital	5
Stolen car recovered	1
Missing persons	1
Dogs injured or killed	10
Summonses served for other departments	4
Telephone pole down and reported	1

CHESTER R. RIPLEY,  
*Acting Chief of Police.*

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the last six months of the year 1940.

Appropriation	\$1,083.12
Unexpended balance	.28
Complaints and investigations	53
Number of telephone calls for police	173
Automobile violations	210

During the last six months, the following cases were disposed of according to necessity of the case:

Driving under the influence	6
Driving to endanger	3
Drunk	2
Assault and battery	1
Disturbance of the peace	1
Bastardy	1
Non-support of wife	2
Non-support of children	2
Admitted to insane hospital	1
Violation of probation	1
Larceny	8
Breaking and entering	3

### Miscellaneous:

Automobile accidents	14
Automobile accidents, persons taken to hospital	14
Automobile accidents, persons taken to doctor	2
Accidents where persons taken to doctor, then hospital	2
Bicycle accident, person taken to hospital	1
Persons reported missing, then located	8
Summonses served for other departments	12
Licenses suspended	31

Number plates returned to Registry	8
Fire alarm calls answered	4
Investigation for F. B. I.	1
Investigation with Brockton police	1
Defective lights	100
Persons dropped dead	1
Street lights out and reported	4
Wires down and reported	4
Trees down and reported	1
Transfer papers given out	55

The police car has travelled 20,110 miles in performance of duty.

I wish to notify owners of bicycles that they must have a headlight and tail light or a good rear reflector.

This is being required for your own safety.

I sincerely wish to express my hearty thanks and appreciation to the Selectmen and all others who have co-operated with me.

To my officers, I also extend my hearty thanks for their genuine co-operation they have shown the Police Department.

DOUGLAS EATON,  
*Chief of Police.*



## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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In compliance with the State law I herewith submit my annual report of the work I have done as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1940.

I have visited all the various places in Town known to have weighing or measuring devices and have sealed or condemned the same.

The following is a list of the work done:

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Platform Scales		24	1
Counter Scales		7	
Computing Scales		10	
All other Scales	5	33	
Avoirdupois Weights	1	73	2
Liquid Measures		24	
Gasoline Meters	4	25	
Kerosene Pumps		6	
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Totals	10	202	3
Fees Received and Paid to Treasurer			\$38.51

CHRISTOPHER READ,  
*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Trustees

Edith F. Howard	Term expires 1941
Daniel J. Lothrop	Term expires 1941
Ada M. Wood	Term expires 1942
Basil M. Soule	Term expires 1942
Martha B. Mason	Term expires 1943
Louis P. Hayden	Term expires 1943

Chairman	Daniel J. Lothrop
Secretary	Edith F. Howard
Treasurer	Martha B. Mason

### Book Committee

Martha B. Mason	Edith F. Howard
Ada M. Wood	Daniel J. Lothrop

### Executive Officer

Daniel J. Lothrop

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

I respectfully submit the report of the Public Library for 1940.

We are pleased to report an increase of over 1500 in the circulation of books for the year; due to several reasons; addition of more books, added interest in the reading of books for State Certificates by the grade pupils and the circulation of books in the Jerusalem District, thru the kindness of Miss Mary Nelson, teacher at the Jerusalem School.

An average of 15 persons use the library in the extra hour and a half that the library remains open on Saturdays. These hours will continue until further notice.

Under improvements was the installation of a new bulletin board for the outside of the building, made by Mr. Morton and the boys of the manual training class of the Centre School.

In September, Miss Barbara Merrill joined the staff as a part time assistant.

The staff has attended the various library meetings thru the year, in East Bridgewater, Boston and Quincy and gained helpful suggestions at each of them.

We have received a large number of gifts of books from interested patrons; an 11 vol. set "The Progress of Nations," a 20 vol. set "International Library of Famous Literature," a set of "Stoddard's Lectures," an illustrated copy of "American Wild Life" and a number of juvenile books of fiction; also many interesting pamphlets from various sources.

In conclusion, we thank the many friends of the Library and our trustees for their understanding and helpfulness.

JEAN M. MURDOCK,  
*Librarian.*

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## STATISTICS

### Circulation

Adult Fiction	15,409
Adult Non-Fiction	2,976
Juvenile books	12,929
Magazines	4,127
Total	35,441

## SCHOOL CIRCULATION

Elementary	
Fiction	4,767
Non-fiction	2,053
Magazines	31
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Total	6,851
Secondary	
Fiction	335
Non-fiction	624
Magazines	40
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Total	999
Total Elementary	6,851
Total Secondary	999
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Total School circulation	7,850
Books added by purchase—Adult	213
Books added by purchase—Juvenile	61
Books added by gift	95
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Total books added	369

## NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY IN 1940

## Fiction

Black Plumes	Allingham
Journey Into Fear	Ambler
House of Lee	Atherton
—Pride and Prejudice	Austin
Letty and the Law	Baldwin
Medical Centre	Baldwin
Rehearsal for Love	Baldwin
—Station Wagon Set	Baldwin
Out in Society	Banning
—An Ocean Heritage	Bassett
Heart of a Child	Bottom

Spirit of the Range	Bower
Other Gods	Buck
—Sapphira and the Slave Girl	Cather
—Saint in Miami	Charteris
And Then There Was None	Christie
—Sad Cypress	Christie
Ox-Bow Incident	Clark
Lone Star Legion	Cole
Bloody Head	Coolidge
2 — Mr. and Mrs. Meigs	Corbett
Queen's Holiday	Corbett
Spiderweb Trail	Cunningham
Whiteoak Heritage	de la Roche
Provincial Lady in Wartime	Delafield
The Balcony	D. Disney
Fantasia	W. Disney
Sylvia Lyndon	Diver.
Brothers Karamazof	Dostorosky
Invitation to Live	Douglas
—Quietly My Captain Waits	Eaton
Chad Hanna	Edmonds
Miss Mundy	Engstrand
Hildreth	Estes
Jacoby's Corners	Falstaff
Friday the 13th	Farjeon
The Family	Fedorova
Cathedral in the Sun	Fisher
Raleigh's Eden	Fletcher
—Old Lover's Ghost	Ford
To the Indies	Forester
Mr. Potter Explains	Freeman
Kate Trimingham	Frost
Loon Feather	Fuller
—Case of the Baited Hook	Gardner
—Case of the Silent Partner	Gardner
D. A. Goes to Trial	Gardner
Road to Glenfairlie	Garth
Half Inch of Candle	A. H. Gibbs
Broken Pledges	P. Gibbs



Gentleman of the Jungle	Gill
Morning Is Near Us	Glaspell
Bird in the Tree	Goudge
Far Call	Gregory
Make the Man Notice You	Greig
30,000 on the Hoof	Grey
Dr. Dogbody's Leg	Hall
Jude the Obscure	Hardy
Mayor of Casterbridge	Hardy
Return of the Native	Hardy
Star Gazer	Harsanyi
— Beloved Buff	Hauck
Czar of Halfaday Creek	Hendryx
Edge of Beyond	Hendryx
No Arms, No Armour	Henriques
When Is a Lady	Henry
Their Own Country	Hobart
Goose Is Cooked	Hogarth
— Clear Before 'Leven	Holton
Finders Keepers	Homes
Pilgrim in Manhattan	Houston
Uncle Lancy for President	Hueston
Matter of Iodine	Keith
Valley of the Sun	Kelland
Curtain Going Up	Kerr
Affair in Death Valley	C. Knight
— Affair of the Circus Queen	C. Knight
— Death Came Dancing	K. Knight
Magic Bow	Komroff
— Dude Woman	Kyne
Stars Still Shine	Larrimore
Bethel Meriday	Lewis
— Out of the Fog	Lincoln
— How Green Was My Valley	Llewellyn
Across the Years	Loring
There Is Always Love	Loring
— Gabriel's Search	D. Lutz
Head of the House	G. Lutz
Partners	G. Lutz

— Rose Galbraith	G. Lutz
Black Sombrero	Macdonald
Show Me a Land	MacMeekin
Magic Mountain	Mann
Troubled Range	Mann
Stars on the Sea	Mason
Dreams to Mend	McCord
Renegade Roundup	McDonald
Of Human Kindness	Mitchell
— Pint of Judgment	Morrow
Small Potatoes	Muir
Portrait of Jennie	Nathan
No More Gas	Nordhoff
— World Is Like That	Norris
Best American Short Stories '39-'40	O'Brien
— Gen. Besserley's Puzzle Box	Oppenheim
Grassley's Mystery	Oppenheim
— Last Train Out	Oppenheim
As the Seed Is Sown	Parmenter
— Blind Loyalty	Pedler
Let the People Sing	Priestly
Riders of Buck River	Raine
When the Whippoorwill	Rawlings
Mr. Beamish	Richmond
Riders of the Cherokee Strip	Rodney
— Oliver Wiswell	Roberts
Master-at-Arms	Sabatini
River Out of Eden	Seifert
Thus Mr. Mallory	Seifert
— Stone of Chastity	Sharp
Fame Is the Spur	Spring
Let the Earth Speak	Steward
— Mrs. Miniver	Struthers
Deadly Sunshade	Taylor
Criminal C. O. D.	Taylor
Broken Face Murders	Teilhet
Loot	Terhune
Guilty	Thayer
X Marks the Spot	Thayer

Tassels on Her Boots  
 Miss Susie Slagle's  
 Ghost Trails  
 Shotgun Gold  
 Madam Dorthea  
 Mr. Skeffington  
 Spider and the Fly  
 Foundation Stone  
 Wild Geese Calling  
 Come Spring  
 Mr. Secretary  
 Where Goes the Bride  
 Web and the Rock  
 Man the Devil Didn't Want  
 Honey Colored Moon

Train  
 Tucker  
 Tuttle  
 Tuttle  
 Undset  
 Von Arnim  
 Walling  
 Warren  
 White  
 Williams  
 Williams  
 Williamson  
 Wolfe  
 Wren  
 Wynne

#### Non-Fiction

How to Read a Book  
 Trelawny  
 My Ten Years in the Studio  
 Fascinating Oil Business  
 Blow All Ballast *Squalus*  
 Vagabond's House  
 Final Edition  
 New England Indian Indian Summer  
 Pilgrims Way  
 5,000 Years of Gems  
 Clara Schumann  
 Gertrude Bell  
 Indians of the United States  
 Good Old Days  
 When and Where to Fish  
 Old Vermont Houses  
 Collected Poems  
 America in Stamps  
 The Arkansas  
 Treasury of American Song  
 New England Sampler  
 Finland Fights

Adler  
 Armstrong  
 Arliss  
 Ball  
 Barrows  
 Blanding  
 Benson  
 Brooks  
 Buchan  
 Beard  
 Burke  
 Bodley  
 Clark  
 Cohn  
 Camp  
 Congdon  
 Coffin  
 Crow  
 Davis  
 Downes  
 Early  
 Elliston

Golden Bough	Frazier
Railroadman	French
— Calvin Coolidge	Fuess
— Forty Years a Country Preacher	Gilbert
New England Town Meeting	Gould
The Illinois	Gray
Chiang Kai Shek	Hedin
Life and Adventures	Halliburton
Country Editor	Hough
Collected Poems	Housman
Imperial Twilight	Harding
Changhai for Sale	Hauser
Father and Son (Strauss)	Jacobs
— I Married Adventure	Johnson
Our Native Trees	Keeler
Winston Churchill	Kraus
How to be Your Own Decorator	Koues
Profitable Poultry Keeping	Knandel
Smattering of Ignorance	Levant
With Love and Irony	Lin Yutang
Collected Poems	Lindsay
— Wave of the Future	A. Lindbergh
— Created Equal (E. C. Stanton)	Lutz
Social Games	Mason
Happy Days	Mencken
The White Cliffs	Miller
Best Plays of 1939-1940	Mantle
Sparks From Home Fires	Monroe
John D. Rockefeller	Nevins
Complete Greek Drama	Oates
Puerto Rico	Reck
The Inky Way	Rice
And So to Bath	Roberts
Polish Profile	Sapieha
Trail of an Artist Naturalist	Seton
England Was an Island Once	Thane
The Circling Year	Van de Water
Story of the Pacific	Van Loon
Born in Paradise	von Tempski

Wood Finishing

Manka, the Sky Gypsy

North of Singapore

Let's Broadcast (Plays )

The Delaware

Alaska Holiday

The Wabash

Who's Who in America 1940-1941

Merit Badge Series for Boy Scouts 20 Pams.

Operas for Juveniles; Carmen, Lohengrin, Haensel and Gretel

Illustrated Copy of "American Wild Life"

Waring

Watkins

Wells

White

Wildes

Willoughby

Wilson



## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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The work of the Water Department during 1940 consisted largely of replacements of 2 inch mains with 6 inch mains. Wherever this was done, new hydrants, gates and fittings were installed. Also in many cases new services of copper were installed in the houses bordering on this work. The work was financed by a bond issue of the Town used for the purpose of buying pipe and material and the labor was furnished by the W. P. A. The following table shows the streets on which this work was done and the amount of pipe laid on each street:

<i>Names of Streets</i>	<i>6" Pipes</i>
Copeland Street .....	2,300 feet
Sinnott Street .....	600 feet
Merritt Street .....	450 feet
Sunset Avenue .....	950 feet
Maolis Avenue .....	1,450 feet
West Street .....	850 feet
Charles Street .....	1,350 feet
River Street .....	550 feet
Commonwealth Avenue .....	875 feet
Cyr Street .....	475 feet
Vital Avenue .....	540 feet

In addition to this, 880 feet of 6 inch pipe was laid on West Center Street starting at the junction of Prospect and West Center Streets and proceeding easterly. The necessary gates and fittings were installed into the houses on this line and one hydrant was installed. Twenty new house services were installed during the year in various parts of the Town. One hundred and eight old services were renewed with copper pipe and fourteen new hydrants were also installed.

Highway construction necessitated the resetting of hydrants, gates and boxes on several streets. The usual work of repairing leaks and maintaining the old lines was carried on. Supplies, tools and equipment of the water department remain in good condition at the close of the year.

ANTONE SOUSA,  
*Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1940:

### MAINTENANCE

I have gone through the same routine as in past years, scraping and patching the gravel roads in the town. Only about four miles of gravel roads still remain to be covered with a tarvia top. I have also done a great deal of tarvia patching on all of the black roads in town.

#### Tarvia Seal Coats on Roads Mentioned

	<i>Distance of Ft.</i>
Bryant Street	2113
Ash Street	1056
Bedford Street	3432
Scotland Street	5280
Sand Street	3432
Walnut Street	3600

#### TARVIA NEW ROADS

Thayer Avenue	1600
Commonwealth Avenue	1400
Keenan Street	1584
Pleasant Street	2640
Manley Street	3700
Sunset Avenue, rebuilt	200
Sinnott Street, new road	528
Samuel Avenue	900
Hillside Avenue	600

## CHAPTER 90

The entire length of Plain Street, a distance of 1600 feet, was done under this chapter and under State supervision. It was an asphalt top with a crushed stone cover. It is now a very nice piece of road.

### FENCES AND SIGNS

A large amount of work has been done on fences and signs, both repairing and painting. Quite a few new signs have been set up.

### CULVERTS AND CATCH BASINS

The culverts and catch basins have all been cleaned out and new ones added.

### A FEW REMARKS

The WPA has done a great deal of work on some of these roads making it possible for the town to accomplish much more work.

The one thing that I feel very proud of is our town garage which I had hoped to live and see. In my opinion it is one of the best projects the town has ever done, a place for the highway department to store the town equipment. I hope every citizen, taxpayer or not, will make an effort to come and see this beautiful garage. It is open to inspection at any time at all.

An itemized account of all money spent in my department may be found on record in the town hall. It would be impossible for me to state everything the highway department has done this year.

In closing I want to thank all the departments who have helped me in my work, also the cooperation of all the laborers and the wonderful cooperation of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. TUCKER,  
*Superintendent of Streets.*

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

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I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1940 as Tree Warden.

We have done the usual trimming of dead and low-hanging limbs and have cut down five trees that were considered dangerous. The Maple, Oak and Ash trees are in a very healthy condition, but, owing to the destructive Elm Leaf Beetle, the Elm trees were in poor condition. We hope to be able to prevent that condition reoccurring.

The gypsy moth destruction has been worse this year than I have ever seen it before. The woodlands in the Town are more heavily infested than they have ever been. If we are to prevent them from destroying the shade trees of the Town we must do a lot of spraying this year, and because of the necessity of greater spraying I have requested an increase in the Department's appropriation for 1941 with which we hope to show good results.

The practice of spraying orchards, which has been done only as an accommodation for the past several years, is herewith discontinued. Experience has proven that the time required to spray orchards at the right time greatly interfered with the general tree spraying which must also be done at the right time to get full results.

The cooperation of the other departments with this department has been a great help and is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER READ,

*Tree Warden.*



**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS****For the Year Ending December 31, 1940**

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There have been inspected during the past year 80 barns and 1070 cattle. Besides these cattle there were 14 hogs — 6 sheep and 7 goats.

Under the head of slaughtering the number of animals slaughtered were:

Calves	5
Hogs	201
Cows	3
Bull	1
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Total	210

**DAVID DAILEY,***Inspector of Animals*

## THE FEDERAL COMMISSARY

District Headquarters, Brockton

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During the year 1940, clothing was distributed as required to about 180 families. A total of 3652 garments were given out, ranging from adult wear to infants garments, some 44 different varieties. In addition to this there were one dozen baby blankets, 83 large blankets and 156 sheets issued to the needy families. The total value of everything issued amounted to about \$3,906.00. Each of the 16 municipalities comprising the Brockton District make up these garments and deliver them to Brockton. Each locality then requisitions its needs from the district warehouse.

### FOOD

#### Canned

Apples .....	1,560	Tins
Tomatoes .....	3,088	"
Evaporated Milk .....	1,298	"

#### Fresh

Potatoes .....	11,199	Lbs.
Carrots .....	2,580	"
Celery .....	600	"
Tomatoes .....	1,404	"
Cabbage .....	7,545	"
Squash .....	600	"
Apples .....	9,000	"
Pears .....	1,196	"
Oranges .....	5,595	"
Grapefruit .....	3,640	"
Bacon .....	1,547	"
Hams .....	1,244	"
Fish .....	487	"
Butter .....	1,465	"

Lard .....	5,640	"
Cheese .....	296	"
Dried		
Beans .....	1,900	Lbs.
Rice .....	3,100	"
Raisins .....	7,350	"
Prunes .....	2,825	"
Cereal		
Wheat .....	2,744	Lbs.
Graham flour .....	8,599½	"
Cornmeal .....	4,100	"
Wheat Flour .....	18,283½	"
Eggs .....	4,380	Doz.
Value .....		\$6,634.26

The food distributed during the year 1940 as listed above is of great material assistance to the families who receive these supplies. Being standard articles of food, some saving must be realized in the food bill, and from the total value it would seem reasonable to expect that money thus saved would flow into other lines and help business generally.

These commodities are for distribution to those in need, regardless of any connection with WPA or any other Federal work. Need is the only qualifying requirement.

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Supervisor.*

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

You will find the Town Accountant's report covers in detail the transactions of the Tax Collector's office but if there is any question do not hesitate to inquire and this office will be pleased to explain.

WALTER C. DUNBAR,  
*Collector.*

## THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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During 1940, the Plymouth County Extension Service has performed its usual function of helping rural, village, and city people with the problems of farming, homemaking, and 4-H club training. Each year ever-increasing demands are being made on this organization to organize, administer, and teach programs of national, State, county, and town importance.

The agricultural department has a wide range of services for commodity groups in dairying, poultry husbandry, fruit and vegetable culture, cranberry growing, general livestock management, forestry, and many other subjects. In each of these, special emphasis has been placed on marketing in recognition of this need with production problems more completely solved than those of merchandising.

Close cooperation and collaboration have been maintained with local organizations and other federal agencies. Some of these are as follows: Plymouth County Farm Bureau, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association, Plymouth County Poultry Association, Bristol-Plymouth Fruit Growers' Association, Satucket Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and Brockton Co-operative Egg Auction Association, the Federal Land Bank, Taunton Production Credit Association, Farm Security Administration, and the Agricultural Conservation Program.

The Home Demonstration Department held meetings in every town in Plymouth County during the past year. Emphasis was placed on home beautification, food preservation, nutrition, health and recreation. In addition to meetings, other help was given by letters, phone calls and home visits.

4-H club work not only develops agricultural and homemaking ability among its boys and girls, but trains them also in self reliance, good sportsmanship and good citizenship. Clothing, home furnishing and food projects teach girls a greater appreciation of good home and community living, while in the stock and crop raising projects boys are shown the value of modern methods as well as getting a knowledge of business.

4-H club work is a truly American idea, for all of America's youth.

The course which the Extension Service follows is largely determined by local people. Your board of trustees, town directors, women's advisory council, and commodity committeemen, have by a majority approved these programs. The service of all departments is available to everyone. The Extension Service has its place in bringing to the attention of Plymouth County people the principles of good farming, good homemaking and good citizenship.

Briefly, some of the accomplishments for Plymouth County in 1940 which may be shown statistically, are as follows:

Number of meetings conducted .....	877
Attendance at these meetings .....	26,650
Farm and Home Visits made .....	2,233
Number of different circular letters .....	293
Total circulation of these circular letters .....	95,656
Number of 4-H clubs .....	101
Number of 4-H members enrolled .....	1,881
No. Home Demonstration Clubs.....	115
No. women enrolled .....	2,171

The financial assistance and moral support of West Bridgewater is greatly appreciated by the people the Extension Service assists. A continuation of its support is justified on the record it has achieved. Its influence can not be measured by monetary values, but its edu-



cational programs and individual assistance constitutes one measure in the first line of national defense.

The above report is issued by County Agent Joseph T. Brown. I wish to emphasize the fact that the service of the various departments is available to everyone. It has been my privilege during the year to assist individuals who have had problems by acquainting them with the facilities of the Extension Service and the bulletins on related subjects issued by the Massachusetts State College. It is hoped that many more will avail themselves of these invaluable opportunities in the future.

Respectfully,

CLIFFORD H. CARLSON.

## REPORT ON THE W. P. A.

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With the whole world at war or preparing for defense, it is anyones guess what lies ahead. We can only prepare for the best defense possible and await developments. While marking time for the final conclusion we must proceed in our uninterrupted way. We must keep our families fit for any emergency. We must keep the earning element of each family employed even though it somewhat affects the taxpayers. We know that many people do not relish the Federal assistance (so called) through WPA but as yet no better plan has been proposed and certainly Public Welfare support in place of work would neither be satisfactory nor profitable to the Town or to the standard of health of the families of those for whom the Federal government provides employment. We must not be lured into the belief that these men now employed on WPA can step out and secure other employment. Some may, because of defense projects. We might even hope they all will, but this hope must not stop us from providing funds for their continuance on Federal work; on projects which will net a direct benefit to the Town. If conditions change and these funds are not required the money will not be spent. There is a feeling that the Town should provide a swimming pool and a safe place for skating; that the baseball grounds should be maintained in good condition and that an adequate playground should be provided with usual equipment, all these things as soon as circumstances will warrant, and with a lessening of the burden now upon the taxpayers. It has been said that we are coddling our young people with the provisions as quoted above and that in the past they were made to work, certainly a valuable contribution in the bringing up of our children and one which we hope will not be excluded in the process of child training. We will agree,

however, that the youth, male or female, are entitled to healthful recreation. Times have changed. We cannot continue to live in the past. We must adopt standards of today and keep up to advancing methods with the "march of time". Either that or slip backwards! Our young people are our hope for the future. We want them to be strong, to be work ambitious, to love their Homes, to love their Town and, because of all these, to love their Country. With God's help and ours may they courageously, with mental and physical fitness, stand for all that is embodied in our national prayer: "God Save America."

### ACTIVITIES OF THE W. P. A.

WPA labor this year has been employed upon water projects, highways and building programs. During the early winter of 1940 those not on water projects were employed in the construction of the town equipment storage building. Upon the completion of this building the labor shifted to excavation for the two new offices. In addition to the convenience of the offices for the Treasurer and the Tax Collector, we now have splendid storage space in the basement for handling supplies for the Commissary. The repairs to the brick vault proceeded along with the building of the offices as also did the drainage and curbing around the Town Hall building. Time and the elements had destroyed the mortar and much of the brick of the inner wall of the large vault. Seepage of water to this wall from lack of proper conduction from the roof together with heat and frost had so weakened the wall that there was danger of complete collapse to the rear half. This damaging force has been corrected by arranging the roof so that the water is conducted directly through pipe to the new drain now connected with the street drainage system.

### TOWN EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDING

The preliminary start for the erection of this building was made January 8th by making 1,200 cement

blocks. These were made and cured in the basement of the Town Hall. The engineering force of the WPA gave their approval to these blocks which had to meet the specifications of their Department U. S. Standards. The excavation was made under very difficult weather conditions. The foundation poured in freezing weather gave us many moments of doubt but the chief mason is certainly to be credited with knowing his job as everything proved O K beyond question. The building dimensions are 63 feet by 33 feet. It is located in the rear of the fire station with approaches from two points off Main Street. One entrance is just north of the Baptist Church and the other is just north of the Town Hall. It is a well constructed building housing all the town equipment. It was a worthwhile expenditure.



### HIGHWAYS

The following highways were given attention with WPA labor:

Thayer Avenue was graveled and put into shape and black topped from Matfield Street to the East



Bridgewater line a distance of 1,600 feet. The latter Town cooperated with us by finishing their end from Union Street to our line.

Commonwealth Avenue was rebuilt and black topped from North Main Street to Glenmore Street a distance of 900 feet.

Manley Street from old railroad crossing to Walnut Street was graveled and black topped a distance of 3,700 feet.

Keenan Street was rebuilt and drainage installed from South Main Street to Cross Street and black topped a distance of 1600 feet.

These highways have been black topped as fast as ready which seems to be the economical way to preserve them.

### SEWING

The sewing unit has been in constant operation from January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940. The production for that period has been 3,901 garments consisting of men's and boys' shirts and pajamas, and women's and children's wearing apparel of all types. At present these are 2 machine operators and 1 cutter who is also supervisor. However, this number may be increased at any time. All garments are delivered to a central point (Brockton) as are all garments from other towns in the district. The needs of each community are requisitioned from that central point weekly for distribution by our local commissary supervisor.

### INDEXING TOWN RECORDS

This important work progressed without interruption until the middle of June at which time the general quota reduction suspended it until October 29th when it was again resumed and is active at present.



### WATER PROJECT

This project consisted largely of replacing 2" pipes with 6" pipes on about a dozen streets thus giving better service to the Town.

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Coordinator.*

### W. P. A. EXPENDITURES

	Federal Expense	Town Expense	From Special Town Ap- propriation
**Town Offices, Vault, Drainage, and Curbing .....	\$1,403.65	.....	\$1,754.51
**Town Garage .....	2,560.42	.....	1,182.38
**Tree Trimming .....	216.60	\$ 92.60	.....
**Moth Control .....	2,617.82	322.94	.....
**Street Improvement .....	7,949.16	2,036.45	.....
*Town Records .....	1,068.85	21.08	.....
*North Elm Street .....	2,244.58	.....	.....
*Water .....	14,160.75	.....	12,000.00
*Sewing .....	2,354.98	448.70	.....
*Commissary .....	1,076.40	452.60	.....
Administration .....	.....	1,843.60	.....
General .....	.....	362.25	.....
Totals .....	\$35,653.21	\$5,580.22	\$14,936.89

Note:

\*Projects still operating.

\*\*Projects completed.

Net Expense from WPA Material Account.....	5,580.22
Special Town Appropriation for WPA Projects.....	\$14,936.89
Total Expense to the Town .....	\$20,517.11
Total Grant from Federal Government to WPA Projects .....	35,653.21
Federal Grants .....	63%
Town Expense .....	37%

100%

HERBERT E. BRYANT.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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The financial transactions of the Town for the year 1940 may be briefly summarized as follows:

Cash on hand January 1, 1940	\$40,822.33
Cash on hand December 31, 1940	43,858.85
Received from Collector	120,769.59
Received from Other Sources	70,583.81
Total Receipts	191,353.40
Payments during the year 1940	188,316.88
Payments on Water Bonds	3,630.00
Payments on Interest on Water Bonds	230.66
Payments on Interest on Water Notes	60.00
Outstanding Water Bonds December 31, 1940	3,640.00
Outstanding Water Notes December 31, 1940	12,000.00
Tax Title Redemptions and Partial Payments	1,377.50
Added Interest on Tax Titles	205.17
Releases on Tax Titles	21.00
Number of Tax Titles Foreclosures by Land	
Court Procedure	1
Number of Tax Titles Foreclosed by Land of	
Low Value Procedure	9
Received from sale of Tax Title Possessions	970.00
Number of Tax Titles held by Town	53
Number of Tax Titles added during 1940	36
Tax Title Accounts December 31, 1940	4,004.63
Cemetery Trust Funds Addition:	
Sarah F. Shipman for care of lot number 12 at	
Pleasant Hill Cemetery	100.00

The report of the expenses of the Treasurer's office, and a detailed account of the Library Trust Funds and Cemetery Trust Funds may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

ORVIS F. KINNEY,

*Treasurer*

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**OF**  
**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

**For the Year Ending December 31**

**1940**

## RECEIPTS

## General Revenue

## Current Year:

Personal and Real Estate .....	\$66,797.91	
Poll .....	2,014.00	
Excise Tax .....	6,786.70	
	<hr/>	\$75,598.61

## Previous Years:

Personal and Real Estate .....	\$29,527.85	
Excise Tax .....	331.97	
Tax Titles .....	1,362.05	
Water Liens .....	15.50	
Tax Title Possessions .....	970.00	
	<hr/>	32,207.37

Miscellaneous .....	47.92
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## From State:

Income Tax .....	\$12,644.93	
Corporation Taxes, Chapter 108 .....	294.67	
Corporations, Gas, Electricity, Water .....	1,650.28	
Veteran Exemption .....	50.98	
	<hr/>	14,640.86

## Reimbursement for Loss of

Taxes .....	\$54.96	
State Aid .....	60.00	
Military Aid .....	377.50	
Highway, Chapter 504, Acts 1939 .....	6,417.32	
	<hr/>	6,909.78

**Licenses and Permits:**

Beer and Liquor .....	\$457.00	
Permits and all other Licenses .....	273.00	
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		730.00
Court Fines .....		25.00

**Grants and Gifts****From State:****Schools:**

Smaller Towns Account.....	\$1,327.29	
Vocational Education .....	394.33	
Tuition of Children.....	187.68	
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		1,909.30

**From County:**

Dog Licenses .....	660.31
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**From Town:**

Dog Licenses .....	781.80
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**Commercial Revenue****General Government:****Treasurer:**

Tax Title Releases .....	21.00
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**Collector:**

Water Lien Release .....	1.00
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**Town Hall:**

Rent .....	\$346.00	
Wood for Public Welfare.....	418.62	
All Other .....	5.83	
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		770.45

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Sealer of Weights and Measures.....	38.51
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## Highway:

Sale of Old Material .....	\$300.00	
Individual Return .....	275.00	
Snow Removal, Route No. 106 .....	67.50	
	<hr/>	642.50
County, Chapter 90 .....		161.41
Commonwealth, Chapter 90 .....		161.41
Road Machinery Fund .....		781.07

## Land Damage:

Crescent Street .....		345.49
Miscellaneous .....		18.78

## Health:

Tuberculosis .....		127.14
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## Public Welfare:

## Reimbursement — Temporary Aid

From Individuals .....	\$43.00	
Cities and Towns .....	610.50	
State .....	3,265.15	
	<hr/>	\$3,918.65

## Old Age Assistance:

## Reimbursements:

Cities and Towns .....	\$360.92	
State .....	7,972.56	
Federal Grant .....	11,521.27	
	<hr/>	\$19,854.75

## Dependent Children:

State .....	\$763.67
Federal Grant .....	867.66

## Schools:

Tuition .....	729.31
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## Library:

Fines .....	69.86
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## Public Service Enterprise:

Water Rates .....	\$13,078.99
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Water Liens .....	107.25
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Water Liens added to Real Estate .....	1,089.72
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\$14,275.96

## Interest:

Real Estate and Personal .....	\$791.12
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Motor Vehicle Excise .....	3.96
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Tax Titles Added Interest ....	205.17
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\$1,000.25

Costs .....	\$192.20
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## Agency and Trusts:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	\$131.50
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Cemetery Principal .....	100.00
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\$231.50

## Library Trust Funds:

Library Income .....	\$395.02
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Interest Withdrawals .....	409.63
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\$804.65

## Municipal Indebtedness:

Water Bond .....	\$12,000.00
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Premium and Interest .....	33.00
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\$12,033.00

## Refunds:

New Town Offices .....	\$8.13
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Public Welfare Aid .....	11.60	
Old Age Assistance Aid .....	12.50	
		<u>\$32.23</u>
Total .....		\$191,353.40
Cash Balance, December 31, 1939 .....		40,822.33
		<u>\$232,175.73</u>

## PAYMENTS

### Departmental — General Government

Moderator:		
Appropriation .....		\$25.00
Expenses:		
Moderator .....		25.00
Finance Committee:		
Appropriation .....		\$15.00
Expenses:		
Finance Committee .....		3.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue ..		<u>\$12.00</u>
Preserving Old Records:		
Appropriation .....		\$50.00
Expenses:		
Preserving Old Records .....		14.10
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<u>\$35.90</u>
Law:		
Appropriation .....		\$25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		\$25.00

## Selectmen:

Appropriation .....	\$800.00
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## Expenses:

Salary .....	\$513.75	
Clerk .....	50.00	
Stationery and Postage .....	27.22	
Printing and Advertising .....	50.30	
Travel Expense .....	25.22	
Posting Warrants .....	1.00	
All Other .....	55.11	722.60

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$77.40
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## Accounting:

Appropriation .....	\$700.00
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## Expenses:

Accountant .....	\$624.00	
Printing .....	12.27	
Stationery and Postage .....	3.54	
All Other .....	37.13	676.94

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$23.06
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## Treasurer:

Appropriation .....	\$1,300.00
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## Expenses:

Salary .....	\$800.00	
Office Supplies .....	20.89	
Tax Title Expense .....	22.50	
Stationery and Postage .....	134.96	
Printing .....	13.20	
Travel .....	84.00	
Surety Bond .....	77.00	
All Other .....	61.80	\$1,214.35

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$85.65
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## Collector:

Appropriation .....	\$1,947.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	130.56

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 \$2,077.56

## Expenses:

Salary .....	\$1,300.00
Office Supplies .....	134.99
Tax Title Expense .....	90.50
Stationery and Postage .....	146.09
Printing and Advertising .....	124.58
Water Lien Expense .....	53.40
Surety Bonds .....	175.00
Travel .....	50.00
All Other .....	3.00

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 2,077.56

## Assessors:

Appropriation .....	\$1,825.00
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## Expenses:

Salaries .....	\$1,409.35
Transfer and Lists .....	60.00
Stationery and Postage .....	9.09
Travel .....	69.00
Printing .....	41.84
Supplies .....	12.17
All Other .....	2.55

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 \$1,604.00

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$221.00
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## Town Clerk:

Appropriation .....	\$620.00
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## Expenses:

Salary .....	\$520.00
Stationery and Postage .....	18.17
Printing and Advertising .....	13.50
Office Supplies .....	43.73
Travel .....	14.10



Surety Bond .....	7.50	
All Other .....	3.00	\$620.00
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#### Election and Registration:

Appropriation .....		\$900.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		54.99
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		\$954.99

#### Expenses:

Registrars .....	\$123.78	
Counters, Observers and		
Checkers .....	469.57	
Poll Census .....	156.00	
Clerk .....	37.98	
Stationery and Postage .....	3.51	
Printing Forms .....	151.15	
All Other .....	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$954.99

#### Municipal Buildings

##### Town Hall:

Appropriation .....		\$2,800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		25.00
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		\$2,825.00

#### Expenses:

Janitor .....	\$936.00	
Office Supplies .....	32.45	
Telephone .....	207.82	
Fuel .....	613.54	
Light .....	244.58	
Janitor's Supplies .....	26.53	
Repairs .....	741.50	
Gas .....	6.01	
Water .....	14.00	
All Other .....	2.57	\$2,825.00
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## New Town Offices:

Special Appropriation .....		\$3,000.00
Refund .....		8.13
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		\$3,008.13

## Expenses:

Material .....	\$845.75	
Equipment Hire .....	16.00	
Labor .....	649.96	
Office Equipment .....	180.01	
All Other .....	62.79	\$1,754.51

Unexpended balance carried forward to 1941 \$1,253.62

## Town Garage:

1940 Balance .....		\$1,082.09
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		100.29
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		\$1,182.38

## Expenses:

Material .....	\$941.34	
Tools, etc. ....	45.64	
Equipment Hire .....	40.00	
Gravel .....	51.35	
All Other .....	104.05	\$1,182.38

## Protection of Persons and Property

## Police Department:

Appropriation: ..... \$1,800.00

## Expenses:

Chief .....	\$797.53	
Police .....	543.50	
Special Police .....	48.00	
Motor Equipment and Repair .....	62.92	
Gasoline and Oil .....	164.57	
Stationery and Postage .....	8.00	
Telephone .....	99.07	

Equipment for men .....	43.50	
All Other Supplies, etc. ....	32.63	\$1,799.72
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		.28
Dog Officer:		
Appropriation .....		\$35.00
Expenses:		
Dog Officer .....		12.50
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$22.50
Fire Department:		
Appropriation .....		\$2,500.00
Expenses:		
Chief .....	\$169.85	
Bonus .....	365.00	
Firemen .....	815.50	
Records — Supplies .....	17.87	
Telephone .....	116.31	
Truck Equipment and Repair	209.80	
Call Station .....	180.00	
Hose and Fittings .....	386.90	
Gasoline and Oil .....	53.46	
Supplies and Equipment .....	97.73	
Repairs .....	5.86	
Electricity .....	76.26	\$2,494.54
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$5.46
Hydrants:		
Appropriation .....		\$1,240.00
Expenses:		
Hydrants — Water Department .....		\$1,240.00
Forestry		
Moth Extermination:		
Appropriation .....		\$2,000.00

## Expenses:

Superintendent .....	\$699.60	
Labor .....	850.00	
Equipment Repair .....	89.70	
Insecticides .....	191.93	
Hardware and Tools .....	48.10	
Gasoline and Oil .....	85.40	
Supplies and All Other .....	23.75	\$1,988.48

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$11.52
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## Tree Warden:

Appropriation .....	\$700.00
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## Expenses:

Superintendent .....	\$298.20	
Labor .....	363.05	
Gasoline and Oil .....	10.44	
Truck Repair .....	12.60	
Tools and Hardware .....	6.75	\$691.04

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$8.96
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## Inspection

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Appropriation .....	\$100.00
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## Expenses:

Sealer .....	\$58.80	
All Other Supplies .....	17.66	\$76.46

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$23.54
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## Health and Sanitation

## Health:

Appropriation .....	\$2,000.00
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## Expenses:

Care of Dump .....	\$232.08	
Stationery and Postage .....	2.67	

Vital Statistics .....	84.75	
Visiting Nurse .....	300.00	
County Hospital .....	678.60	
Inspection of Animals .....	100.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering ....	58.29	
All Other .....	10.00	\$1,466.39
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$533.61

### Highway

#### Highway Maintenance:

Appropriation .....	\$10,000.00
Expenses .....	9,991.89
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$8.11

#### Expenses:

Superintendent .....	\$810.00	
Rent .....	60.00	
Labor .....	2,641.00	
Trucks .....	118.75	
Gravel and Sand .....	36.00	
Truck Equipment and Repairs....	119.90	
All Other, Tools and Supplies	202.03	
Electricity .....	5.70	\$3,993.38
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#### Tarvia Tops:

#### Expenses:

Superintendent .....	\$415.00	
Labor .....	2,471.00	
Gravel, Stone and Sand .....	22.25	
Equipment Rental .....	240.50	
Tarvia .....	2,789.96	
All Other .....	59.80	\$5,998.51
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Total .....		\$9,991.89
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## Highway — Special:

## Chapter 90

Appropriation .....	\$1,500.00
Commonwealth .....	161.41
County .....	161.41
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	\$1,822.82

## Expenses:

Superintendent .....	\$75.00	
Equipment Hire .....	173.50	
Stone .....	189.01	
Tarvia and Road Oil .....	217.62	
All Other Supplies .....	136.93	\$792.06
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1941 \$1,030.76

## Road Machinery Account:

Appropriation ..... \$1,600.00

## Expenses:

Supplies and Repairs .....	\$433.00	
Equipment .....	586.86	
Gasoline and Oil .....	569.78	
All Other .....	1.50	\$1,591.14
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue \$8.86

## Snow Removal:

Appropriation ..... \$1,300.00

## Expenses:

Labor and Snow Plows .....	\$845.25	
Route No. 106 .....	145.00	
Sand .....	7.40	
Supplies .....	29.75	\$1,027.40
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue \$272.60

## Street Lights:

Appropriation ..... \$3,648.72

## Expenses:

Street Lights .....	\$3,622.45	
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$26.27

## Charities

## Public Welfare:

Appropriation .....	\$600.00	
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## Expenses:

General Administration .....	\$184.00	
Printing and Postage .....	43.25	
All Other .....	200.30	\$427.55
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$172.45

## Relief:

Appropriation .....	\$13,000.00	
Refund .....	11.60	
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		\$13,011.60

## Expenses:

Groceries .....	\$1,683.15	
Fuel .....	724.32	
Medicine and Medical .....	517.81	
State Institutions .....	537.43	
Cash Grants .....	2,910.00	
Rent .....	1,646.00	
Shoes and Clothing .....	163.05	
All Other .....	55.02	
Other Cities and Towns .....	2,689.95	\$10,926.73
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$2,084.87

## Dependent Children:

Appropriation .....	\$2,045.00	
Federal Fund .....	867.66	
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		\$2,912.66

## Expenses:

Administration .....	\$55.25	.
Cash Aid .....	1,950.60	\$2,005.85

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$906.81
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## Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation .....	\$340.00
Federal Fund .....	378.06

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\$718.06

## Expenses:

General Administration .....	\$447.48	
Printing and Postage .....	55.72	
Supplies and Forms .....	43.49	
Equipment .....	100.70	
All Other .....	52.01	\$699.40

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$18.66
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## Relief:

Appropriation .....	\$13,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	1,172.78
Refund .....	12.50
Federal Fund .....	11,343.21

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\$25,528.49

## Expenses:

Cash Grants .....	\$24,018.52	
Funerals .....	225.00	
Other Cities and Towns .....	1,014.30	
All Other .....	270.67	\$25,528.49

## Old Age Assistance Refund from Estates;

State's Share .....	\$133.33
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## Soldiers' Relief:

Appropriation .....	\$1,350.00
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## Expenses:

Postage .....	\$2.00	
Groceries .....	137.00	
Fuel .....	118.63	
Medicine and Medical .....	21.50	
Cash Grants .....	160.00	
Rent .....	312.00	
All Other .....	51.49	\$802.62

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$547.38
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## Soldiers' Burial:

Appropriation .....	\$50.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	50.00
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	\$100.00

## Expenses:

Soldier's Burial .....	\$100.00
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## Military Aid:

Appropriation .....	\$1,000.00
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## Expenses:

Military Aid .....	675.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$325.00
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## State Aid:

Appropriation .....	\$60.00
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## Expenses:

State Aid .....	\$10.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$50.00
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**Education**

Appropriation .....	\$50,000.00
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Expenses .....	49,573.36
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	\$426.64
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## Expenses:

## General Administration:

Superintendent .....	\$2,534.15
Clerk .....	588.00
Truant Officer .....	100.00
Stationery, Postage and Printing .....	57.64
Telephone .....	227.84
Traveling Expense .....	321.70
School Census .....	45.00
Miscellaneous Administration .....	94.00
Express .....	4.30

## Teachers' Salaries:

High .....	\$13,287.36
Elementary .....	17,934.94

## Health:

Physician .....	\$300.00
Nurse and Supplies .....	915.99

## Text Books and Supplies:

## High:

Text Books .....	\$446.86
Supplies .....	1,332.39

## Elementary:

Text Books .....	\$403.64
Supplies .....	711.41

## Tuition:

Vocational .....	\$581.63
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## Transportation .....

Other Transportation .....	37.00
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## Janitor:

Elementary .....	\$2,449.86
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## Fuel and Light:

Fuel .....	\$2,272.99
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Gas .....	111.40
Electricity .....	244.71

**Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:**

Repairs .....	\$1,156.91
Water — High .....	37.81
Janitors' Supplies .....	80.88
Water — Elementary .....	84.00

**Other Expenses:**

Diplomas and Graduation Exercises .....	\$90.95
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	\$49,573.36

**Sunset Avenue School Sanitation:**

Special Appropriation .....	\$600.00
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**Expenses:**

Labor and Supplies .....	575.86
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1941	<hr/>	\$24.14
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**Library**

Appropriation .....	\$1,240.00
Expenses .....	\$1,234.55

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	<hr/>	\$5.45
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**Expenses:****Library Maintenance:****Salaries:**

Librarian .....	\$325.00
Assistants .....	340.95
Janitors .....	100.00

**Books and Periodicals:**

Books .....	\$325.78
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**Fuel and Light:**

Fuel .....	\$60.00
Light .....	11.39

**Building:**

Expense .....	\$21.35	
Repairs .....	8.05	

**Other Expenses:**

Stationery and Printing .....	\$22.50	
Petty Supplies .....	19.53	\$1,234.55

**Library Trust Funds:****Expenses:**

Books and Periodicals .....	\$56.00	
Bindings .....	353.63	
		\$409.63

**Recreation and Unclassified**

	Appropriations	Expenditures
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags, and Parks .....	\$525.00	\$481.37
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue ..... \$43.63		
Memorial Day and Armistice Day .....	200.00	199.84
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue ..... \$ .16		
County Aid to Agriculture .....	100.00	100.00
Town Reports .....	340.70	340.70
Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00	50.00
Premium and Interest on Water Bond .....		33.00
Dog Licenses .....		725.40

**Insurance:**

Appropriation .....	\$1,242.60
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**Expenses:**

Liability .....	\$704.50	
Fire .....	538.10	
		\$1,242.60

## Interest:

Appropriation .....	\$100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	100.00

## Federal Project Accounts:

Appropriation .....	\$5,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	164.68

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\$5,164.68

## Expenses:

Sponsors' Agent .....	\$1,040.00
Clerk and Travel .....	803.60
Commissary .....	452.60
Sewing .....	448.70
Town Records .....	21.08
Highways .....	2,036.45
General Accounts .....	362.25
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	\$5,164.68

## Public Service Enterprise

## Water Department:

Appropriation .....	\$12,000.00
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## Expenses:

Commissioners .....	\$300.00
Superintendent .....	1,830.00
Clerks .....	395.52
Call Station .....	180.00
Water .....	7,895.64
Stationery and Postage .....	95.63
Printing and Forms .....	23.80
Telephone .....	53.96
Truck Repair, Supplies, All Other .....	170.94
Labor .....	474.00
Pipe and Fittings .....	493.35
Gasoline and Oil .....	84.14
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	\$11,996.98

## Unexpended balance reverting to Water

Revenue .....	\$3.02
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## Water Bonds and Interest:

Appropriation .....		\$3,911.61
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## Expenses:

Bonds .....	\$3,630.00	
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Interest .....	281.61	
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## Water — New 6" Replacement:

Bond Issue .....		\$12,000.00
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## Expenses:

Labor .....	\$54.00	
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Gasoline and Oil .....	3.00	
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Hydrants, Pipes and Fittings .....	11,404.79	
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Equipment Hire .....	45.00	
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All Other .....	493.21	\$12,000.00
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## Water — West Center Street:

Special Appropriation .....		\$1,550.00
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## Expenses:

Labor .....	\$605.00	
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Hydrant, Pipes and Fittings ....	902.29	
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All Other .....	29.02	\$1,536.31
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1941		\$13.69
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## Cemetery

Appropriation .....		\$100.00
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Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		27.75
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	<hr/>	\$127.75
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## Expenses:

Care of Cemeteries .....		\$127.75
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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Assessed in Tax Levy .....		\$8,656.47
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Over Estimate carried forward from 1939 ....		18.66
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	<hr/>	\$8,675.13
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## Payments to the Commonwealth:

State Tax .....	\$8,320.00	
State Audit .....	223.20	
State Parks and Reservations .....	122.31	\$8,665.51

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Over Estimate carried forward to 1941..... \$9.62

## County of Plymouth:

Assessed in Tax Levy ..... \$7,321.11

## Payments to the County:

County Tax .....	\$5,600.32	
Plymouth County Hospital ....	1,720.79	
		\$7,321.11

## Agency and Trust Investments

Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	\$131.50
Cemetery New Principal .....	100.00
Library Interest Account's .....	411.27

## Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$143.05
Real Estate .....	30.00
Personal Property .....	2.33
Accounts Receivable, Public Welfare .....	31.00

## RESERVE FUND

Transferred from Overlay Surplus .....	\$2,000.00
Transfers authorized by Finance Committee	
Collector .....	\$130.56
Election and Registration ....	54.99
Town Hall .....	25.00
Town Garage .....	100.29
Old Age Assistance .....	1,172.78
Soldiers' Burial .....	50.00
W. P. A. ....	164.68
Cemeteries .....	27.75
	\$1,726.05

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Balance reverting to Overlay Surplus ..... \$273.95



SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
1940

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*Receipts*

Revenue	1940
General Revenue	
Taxes:	
Property .....	\$98,673.31
Poll .....	2,014.00
Income .....	12,644.93
Corporation, etc. ....	2,050.89
Licenses and Permits .....	457.00
Fines and Forfeits .....	298.00
Grants and Gifts:	
From the State .....	8,326.62
From the County (Dog Licenses) .....	660.31
Commercial Revenue	
Privileges:	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	7,118.67
Departmental:	
General Government .....	792.45
Protection of Persons and Property .....	38.51
Health and Sanitation .....	127.14
Highways .....	2,110.66
Charities .....	25,404.73
Soldiers Benefits .....	437.50
Schools .....	729.31
Library .....	69.86
Water Department .....	14,275.96
Interest .....	1,192.45
	\$177,422.30

## Non-Revenue

Indebtedness:

Offsets to Outlays:

Water Loans .....	12,033.00
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Agency:

County Dog Tax .....	781.80
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Trust and Investment .....	1,036.15
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Refunds .....	80.15
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Total Non-Revenue .....	\$13,931.10
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Total Receipts .....	191,353.40
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Cash Balance from Previous Years .....	40,822.33
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	\$232,175.73
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*Payments*

## From Revenue

Expenses:

General Government .....	\$10,720.44
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Protection of Persons and Property .....	8,302.74
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Health and Sanitation .....	1,466.39
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Highways .....	17,024.94
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Charities .....	39,721.35
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Soldiers' Benefits .....	1,587.62
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Schools .....	49,573.36
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Public Library .....	1,644.18
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Recreation .....	481.37
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Unclassified .....	9,058.91
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Water Department .....	11,996.98
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Cemeteries .....	127.75
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Interest .....	314.61
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Maturing Bonds and Notes .....	3,630.00
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Total Expenses .....	\$155,650.64
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## Outlays:

New Town Offices .....	\$1,754.51
Town Garage .....	1,182.38
Schools, New Sanitation .....	575.86
Water — 6" Replacement .....	13,536.31

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Total Outlays from Revenue .....	\$17,049.06
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Total Payments from Revenue .....	\$172,699.70
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From Non-Revenue

## Agency:

State Tax .....	\$8,320.00
County Tax .....	5,600.32
County Dog Tax .....	725.40
Trust and Investment .....	765.08
Refunds .....	206.38

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Total Non-Revenue .....	\$15,617.18
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Total Payments .....	188,316.88
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Cash Balance at End of Year .....	43,858.85
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	\$232,175.73
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## SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS

## Poll Taxes — 1940

Commitment per warrants .....		\$2,212.00
Payments to Treasurer 1940 .....	\$2,014.00	
Abatements 1940 .....	136.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	62.00	2,212.00

## Property Taxes—1938

Outstanding January 1, 1940 .....		\$740.04
Payments to Treasurer 1938 .....	\$97.96	
Added to Tax Titles .....	470.32	
Abatements 1938 .....	171.76	\$740.04

**Property Taxes—1939**

Outstanding January 1, 1940 .....		\$29,344.04
Payments to Treasurer 1939 .....	\$27,987.35	
Abatements 1939 .....	230.55	
Tax Titles Taken 1939 .....	864.96	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	261.18	\$29,344.04

**Personal Taxes—1939**

Outstanding January 1, 1940 ....	\$1,702.33	
Refund .....	2.33	\$1,704.66
Payments to Treasurer 1939 .....	\$1,442.54	
Abatements .....	34.57	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 ....	\$227.55	\$1,704.66

**Property Taxes—1940**

Commitment per warrant .....	\$84,650.22	
Abatements and payments, re- refunded .....	30.00	\$84,680.22
Payments to Treasurer 1940.....	\$56,742.45	
Abatements .....	2,041.64	
Added to Tax Titles .....	1,113.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	24,782.23	\$84,680.22

**Personal Taxes — 1940**

Commitment per warrant .....		\$11,934.09
Payments to Treasurer 1940 ....	\$10,055.46	
Abatements .....	59.35	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	\$1,819.28	\$11,934.09

**Water Liens**

Outstanding January 1, 1940 .....		\$1,261.38
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$107.25	
Added to Taxes 1940 .....	\$1,154.13	\$1,261.38

**Water Liens Added to Taxes — 1940**

Added to Real Estate 1940 .....		\$1,154.13
Payments to Treasurer 1940 .....	\$589.85	
Water Liens added to Tax Titles .....	81.73	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	\$482.55	\$1,154.13
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**Water Liens Added to Taxes — 1939**

Outstanding January 1, 1940 .....		\$533.12
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$499.87	
Abatements .....	\$33.25	\$533.12
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**Water Liens—1940**

Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	\$1,479.20
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**Water Rates and Services**

Outstanding January 1, 1940 ....	\$2,279.20	
Commitment per warrants .....	14,361.85	
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Payments to Treasurer .....	\$13,078.99	\$16,641.05
Abatements .....	38.75	
Transferred to Water Liens ....	1,354.70	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 .....	\$2,168.61	\$16,641.05
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**Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes — 1939**

Outstanding January 1, 1940 .....	\$344.16	
Additional Commitment, per warrant .....	59.60	
Abatement and payment, re- funded 1939 .....	\$14.47	\$418.23
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Payments to Treasurer 1939 ....	\$331.97	
Abatements 1939 .....	\$86.26	\$418.23
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**Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes — 1940**

Commitments per warrants ....	\$7,527.12	
Abatements and payments, re- funded .....	\$128.58	\$7,655.70
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$6,786.70	
Abatements .....	448.35	
Outstanding December 31, 1940 ....	\$420.65	\$7,655.70

**SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF  
TREASURER'S TAX TITLES**

Balance January 1, 1940 .....	\$3,818.43	
Tax Titles Taken:		
Taxes 1938 .....	470.32	
Interest and Costs .....	100.75	
Tax Titles Taken:		
Taxes 1939 .....	415.27	
Interest and Costs .....	150.58	
Added to Tax Titles:		
Taxes 1939 .....	449.69	
Taxes 1940 .....	1,113.90	
Interest .....	14.44	
Water Liens 1939 .....	81.73	
Water Liens 1940 .....	\$15.25	\$6,630.36
Tax Titles Redeemed .....	\$1,377.55	
Tax Titles Foreclosed .....	1,248.18	
Balance December 31, 1940 ....	\$4,004.63	\$6,630.36

**Tax Possessions**

Balance January 1, 1940 .....	\$1,324.54	
Tax Titles Foreclosed .....	1,248.18	
Selling Price in Excess .....	\$242.83	\$2,815.55
Payments to Treasurer .....	\$970.00	
Balance December 31, 1940 .....	\$1,845.55	\$2,815.55

## STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

### CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	<i>Savings Bank Deposit</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year .....	\$6,417.82	\$6,417.82
On hand at end of year.....	6,528.27	6,528.27

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Interest .....	\$141.95	Payments for Care of Lots	\$131.50
New Principal .....	100.00	Increases in Deposits.....	110.45
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$241.95</b>		<b>\$241.95</b>

Name of Fund	Balance Jan. 1, '40	Receipts	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, '40
Alfred E. Alger .....	\$217.62	\$4.91	\$7.00	\$215.53
Sanford Alger .....	50.69	1.14	1.00	50.83
William Burke .....	171.98	3.88	6.00	169.86
Davis Copeland .....	204.00	4.61	6.00	202.61
Mrs. Henry Copeland .....	99.82	2.46	2.00	100.28
Lyman & Pardon Copeland	651.98	14.74	16.00	650.72
Samuel G. Copeland .....	200.76	4.02	4.00	200.78
San G. & James Copeland...	1,022.96	23.13	15.00	1,031.09
Martha K. Crosby .....	100.02	2.01	2.00	100.03
Mary A. Dewyer.....	114.71	2.29	5.00	112.00
Michael Dewyer .....	100.44	2.26	2.50	100.20
The Hartwell Fund .....	320.41	7.24	9.00	318.65
Etta L. Hartwell Funds.....	305.64	6.13		311.77
Frank P. Hatch .....	160.06	3.62	3.00	160.68
Julia M. Hooper .....	134.52	3.04		137.56
Alba Howard .....	101.53	2.28	2.50	101.31
Isabelle Howard .....	100.02	2.01	2.00	100.03
S. Nelson Howard .....	103.78	2.34	2.50	103.62
Samuel H. Howard .....	108.63	2.44	3.00	108.07
Harriet M. Jennings .....	110.80	2.50	4.00	109.30
Sumner D. Keith .....	108.68	2.45	2.50	108.63
Warren C. Kinney.....	204.13	4.61	6.00	202.74
Henry J. LeLacheur .....	100.02	2.26	2.00	100.28
Joshua Morse .....	103.91	2.34	3.00	103.25
Emma F. Packard .....	302.71	6.84	6.00	303.55
Fred A. Perkins .....	103.00	2.33	3.00	102.33
Rosa R. Shaw .....	383.61	8.67	7.00	385.28
Sarah F. Shipman, 1940 Principal.....				100.00

Orrin A. Smith .....	150.04	3.01	3.00	150.05
South Street Cemetery .....	84.97	1.69	.....	86.66
Charles Thayer .....	195.68	3.92	.....	199.60
Robert Tibbits .....	100.28	2.26	2.50	100.04
Mary Elizabeth Wilson.....	200.42	4.52	4.00	200.94
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	\$6,417.82	\$141.94	\$131.50	\$6,528.27

### Library Trust Funds

On hand January 1, 1940:

Securities .....	\$500.00
Cash in Bank .....	\$18,412.57

Total Library Funds, January, 1940 .....		\$18,912.57
Income from Funds for Year ....	\$438.93	
Withdrawals for year .....	\$409.63	\$29.30

On hand December 31, 1940 .....	\$18,941.87
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## DIVISION OF LIBRARY FUNDS

December 31, 1940

## Principal Amounts

	Balance Jan. 1, 1940	Receipts	Balance Dec. 31, 1940
Mary P. Whitman Fund	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Cornelia Alger	643.33	\$14.55	657.88
Nathan Copeland	500.00		500.00
Mary N. K. Edgerley	500.00		500.00
Francis E. Howard	500.00		500.00
Mary L. Perkins	1,000.00		1,000.00
Eliza P. Dalton & Mil- lard O. Dalton	250.00		250.00
	<hr/> \$18,393.33	<hr/> \$14.55	<hr/> \$18,407.88

	Balance Jan. 1 1940	Receipts	With- drawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1940
Mary P. Whitman Fund:				
Interest Account				
No. 1	\$444.43	\$339.08	\$335.13	\$448.38
All Other Funds:				
Interest Account				
No. 2	\$74.81	\$85.30	\$74.50	\$85.61
	<hr/> \$519.24	<hr/> \$424.38	<hr/> \$409.63	<hr/> \$533.99

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities		Library Trust Funds	\$18,941.87
	\$25,470.14	Cemetery Trust Funds	6,528.27
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	\$25,470.14		\$25,470.14
Trust Funds:			
Cash and Securities	\$25,470.14	Cemetery Funds:	
		Alfred E. Alger	\$215.53
		Sanford Alger	50.83
		William Burke	169.86
		Davis Copeland	202.61
		Mrs. Henry Copeland	100.28
		Lyman and Pardon	
		Copeland	650.72
		Samuel G. Copeland	200.78
		Sam G. and James	
		Copeland	1,031.09
		Martha K. Crosby	100.03
		Mary A. Dewyer	112.00
		Michael Dewyer	100.20
		The Hartwell Fund	318.65
		Etta L. Hartwell Funds	311.77
		Frank P. Hatch	160.68



Julia M. Hooper	137.56
Alba Howard	101.31
Isabelle Howard	100.03
S. Nelson Howard	103.62
Samuel H. Howard	108.07
Harriet M. Jennings	109.30
Sumner D. Keith	108.63
Warren C. Kinney	202.74
Henry J. LeLacheur	100.28
Joshua Morse	103.25
Emma F. Packard	303.55
Fred A. Perkins	102.33
Rosa R. Shaw	385.28
Sarah F. Shipman	100.00
Orrin A. Smith	150.05
South Street Cemetery	86.66
Charles Thayer	199.60
Robert Tibbits	100.04
Mary Elizabeth Wilson	200.94

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 \$6,528.27

## Library Funds:

Mary P. Whitman    \$15,000.00

Cornelia Alger	657.88
Nathan Copeland	500.00
Mary N. K. Edgerley	500.00
Francis E. Howard	500.00
Mary L. Perkins	1,000.00
Eliza P. Dalton & Mil-	
lard O. Dalton	250.00

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\$18,407.88

Interest Account No. 1	\$448.38
Interest Account No. 2	85.61

\$533.99

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\$25,470.14

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\$25,470.14

**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS  
WATER LOANS**

Date of Maturity	4% Bond Issued 1911	4% Bond Issued 1912	4% Bond Issued 1913	4% Bond Issued 1914	4% Bond Issued 1915	4% Bond Issued 1916	4½% Bond Issued 1925	4½% Bond Issued 1926	1% 12 Notes Issued 1940
1940	\$1,000.00	\$760.00	\$240.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$130.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
1941		760.00	240.00	500.00		400.00			2,000.00
1942			240.00	500.00					2,000.00
1943				500.00					2,000.00
1944				500.00					2,000.00
1945									2,000.00
1946									2,000.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,520.00	\$720.00	\$2,500.00	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$130.00	\$200.00	\$1,200.00

# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1940

## General Accounts

### Assets

#### Cash:

General	\$43,858.85
Library—Petty Cash	10.00
	<u>\$43,868.85</u>

#### Accounts Receivable:

##### Taxes:

##### Levy of 1939:

Personal	\$227.55
Real Estate	261.18
	<u>\$488.73</u>

##### Levy of 1940:

Poll	\$62.00
Personal	1,819.28
Real Estate	24,782.23
	<u>26,663.51</u>

### Liabilities and Reserves

#### Special Accounts:

Westdale Improvement Society	\$174.76
Surplus War Bonus	540.32
	<u>\$715.08</u>

#### Sale of Real Estate Fund

#### Proceeds of Dog Licenses—

Due County

#### Road Machinery Fund

	56.40
	<u>2,843.16</u>

#### Overestimated 1939:

#### State Parks and Reservations

##### Assessments

	9.62
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#### Unexpended Balances

#### Water Department—Available Surplus

	4,832.16
	<u>2,183.40</u>

#### Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

	27,152.24
	<u>3,907.82</u>

# BALANCE SHEET—Continued

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
Levy of 1940	420.65	Levy of 1939	\$488.73
Tax Titles	4,004.63	Levy of 1940	1,552.21
Tax Possessions	1,845.55		<hr/> 2,040.94
Departmental:		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Health	\$307.14	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$420.65
Highway	5.00	Tax Title	4,004.63
Public Welfare	220.00	Tax Possessions	1,845.55
Old Age Assistance	124.25	Departmental	978.89
State Aid	10.00	Aid to Highways	2,677.18
Military Aid	312.50	Water	4,130.36
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Aid to Highways, Chapter 90:		Surplus Revenue	52,832.51
State	\$1,338.59		
County	1,338.59		
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			2,677.18



**Water Department:**

Rates and Services	\$2,168.61
Liens	1,479.20
Liens—1940	482.55

4,130.36

**\$85,078.35**

## Debt Accounts

## Net Funded or Fixed Debt

**\$15,640.00**

**\$15,640.00**

## Trust Accounts

## Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

**Library Funds**  
**\$25,470.14**

**\$18,941.87**

6,528.27

**\$25,470.14**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation  
Division of Accounts  
State House, Boston

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January 28, 1941

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. James A. Hemenway, Chairman  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of West Bridgewater for the year ending December 31, 1940, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
Director of Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**AND**  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
**OF THE TOWN OF**  
**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
**FOR THE YEAR**  
**1940**

## MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lloyd P. Thayer, Chairman	Term expires 1941
Sherman H. Perkins	Term expires 1941
Harvey A. Scranton	Term expires 1942
G. Wendell Hennessey	Term expires 1942
Clare E. Parker	Term expires 1943
Henry F. Woodward	Term expires 1943
Florence M. Woodward, Secretary	

### Superintendent of Schools

Ernest W. Robinson

Office, Howard High School    Telephone Brockton 5094

Residence, 19 Ash Street, West Bridgewater

Telephone Brockton 6811-W

### School Physician

Joseph Berkowitz, M.D.

### School Attendance Officer

Douglas Eaton

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the citizens of West Bridgewater:

With the completion of the fiscal year 1940, your Committee is of the opinion that much has been accomplished, both from an educational standpoint and from the standpoint of building upkeep, repairs and improvements. While this is so, yet much is left undone, particularly regarding general repairs, lighting and heating.

With a limited repair fund, it should be apparent to all that we must necessarily ask for special appropriations when faced with replacements and unexpected repairs.

### Sanitation

The installation last summer of modern facilities in the boys' toilets at the Sunset Avenue School, completes improvements in the Sanitary systems of our schools. All schools are now properly equipped along these lines, in comparison with old fashioned equipment in use no more than six years ago.

### Repairs

The Cochesett School has received a new roof and has been thoroughly painted inside.

The front Center School building has been re-roofed and both Center School buildings have had chimneys retopped, slates replaced, all new conductor pipes, foundations repointed, leaks eliminated and plaster replaced where needed.

A saving to the Town on insurance was effected by the improving of doors leading to the attics of all schools and the installation of a fireproof skylight on the roof of the Sunset Avenue School.



### Heating

Your committee is seriously concerned at the present time with the heating problem in three of our largest buildings. Without going into detail, it is sufficient to say that we have eight heaters supplying heat for ten rooms in these three buildings.

We are, therefore, asking the Town for a sum of money whereby we may make a start on this problem, by eliminating three heaters at the Sunset Avenue School, replacing these with one plant sufficient to supply adequate heat to the whole building. This project, we believe, will prove a saving to the Town and make for more healthful conditions for the students.

### Teachers

The committee, in casting about for teachers to fill vacancies in the Howard High School, caused by the resignations of two teachers, succeeded in obtaining the services of Mr. J. Roy Newton, of Henniker, N. H., a graduate of Yale, and Miss Janice Rylander, of Taunton, Mass., a graduate of Boston University. With their additions to the faculty of Howard High School, we feel that we have the strongest teaching force in several years.

### Household Arts

After an intensive study of a Federal and State aided fully accredited Household Arts Course, we recommend the adoption of such. This will replace the present three day per week course at no additional cost to the Town. The Committee has been assured by a representative of the State Department of Education, that it's equipment and proposed curriculum is entirely satisfactory to the State, providing the consent of the Town is obtained.

### Manual Training

It is the intention of the Committee to enlarge the present Manual Training room in the Center School

basement, thereby fitting it for the addition of more work benches and several power tools.

The following is the opinion of Dean E. Gordon Bill of Dartmouth College expressed in conjunction with the establishment by them of a complete student work shop equipped for cabinet making, wood turning, metal work and other forms of handicraft.

"Dartmouth has put herself on record as believing that one of the great weaknesses of present home, preparatory and college education is that boys have no chance to learn to work with their hands as did their ancestors who preceded the machine age."

It is the belief of your committee that in the near future arrangements should be made whereby the present three day week Manual Training Course may be made a full time, fully accredited program.

### Testing Program

Through the cooperation of Miss Miriam May, former teacher in the Howard High School, we have been exceedingly fortunate in obtaining a complete testing program for the high school, supplied by the Cooperative Testing Bureau, New York City.

This is a definite step forward in our vocational guidance program. A complete summary of these tests will be submitted by the Bureau showing definite adaptabilities of each student, guiding him toward his life's work and will indicate to the teachers where improvements may be made in our courses. This entire testing program has been made available to us without any cost to the Town.

### School Grounds Beautification

Very little has been done the past year regarding this important subject, due primarily to lack of funds, but the committee intend to turn their attention to this matter after more necessary repairs have been completed and funds are available for it.

### Safety Measure

With the thought in our minds of safeguarding the children while crossing the streets before and after school hours, we are working in conjunction with Chief of Police Eaton, on a Junior Police or Monitor system of directing traffic, using the older and more responsible boys for this duty. It is a system which is being used with much success in other communities.

Our 1940 expenditures and 1941 proposed budget follows. The increase in the 1941 estimated budget is due to the yearly increment in teacher's salaries plus an increase in the general repair fund which is necessary if school buildings are to be kept in proper condition.

	1940	1941
	Expenditures	Estimates
Administration .....	\$3,924.33	\$3,930.00
Salaries .....	31,222.30	31,500.00
Books and Supplies .....	2,894.30	2,700.00
Janitors .....	2,449.86	2,460.00
Fuel and Lights .....	2,629.10	2,600.00
Repairs .....	1,359.60	1,800.00
Transportation .....	3,157.00	3,160.00
Tuition .....	581.63	800.00
Health .....	1,215.99	1,225.00
Miscellaneous .....	139.25	140.00
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	\$49,573.36	\$50,315.00

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD P. TYRER,  
*Chairman.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the School Committee:

In conformity with customary practice, the following report of the West Bridgewater schools is herewith presented, embodying the usual numerical data of pupil membership, distribution by the schools and grades, list of current teachers, together with individual reports by supervisors and department heads.

An examination of the accompanying table reveals again the continuance of the peculiar changes in membership of the high and elementary schools, changes pointed out in last year's report.

**COMPARATIVE MEMBERSHIP TABLE**

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Howard High	146	164	186	192	209
Center	250	243	237	224	200
Sunset Avenue	164	153	150	149	138
Cochesett	53	41	41	62	78
Matfield	32	34	28	29	24
Jerusalem	26	24	18	16	14
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	671	659	660	672	663

It will be noted that in five years the high school has increased its membership by 63, while in the same period the grammar schools as a whole have lost 71 pupils. Cochesett alone has gained in the last two years, and may gain more in the near future as a result of the extensive building development in that section of the

town. If such growth becomes marked it may be necessary to shift one, possibly two upper grades of Cochesett to the Center School, which has lost 50 pupils in the last five years.

There were few changes in our teaching staff for the year, two in the high school where Miss Anthol and Miss Merrill were succeeded by Miss Rylander and Mr. Newton in the French and English departments respectively. The replacement of a woman teacher by a man teacher is in line with progressive modern practice in high school administration, especially where the proportion of men and women has been small. In the Sunset Avenue School, the resignation of Miss Mildred McDonald after ten years of efficient service, made necessary some changes by transfer. Miss Cushman who had done good work at Jerusalem for several years, was brought in to the Sunset Avenue position vacated by Miss McDonald, and Miss Mary Nelson, who had done very effective work as assistant at Sunset Avenue was appointed to the Jerusalem School.

The rapid increase of membership in the Howard High School has naturally brought new problems both curricular and administrative. These are being attacked vigorously and effectively by Principal Lindell and an alert and well-equipped teaching staff, for development of a growing progressive school system, means constant change and re-adjustment to a constantly changing social, industrial and economic world.

The inception and development of the industrial idea in public school training, the establishment of industrial school centres, manual training institutions, etc., have all united to force in upon the minds of even the most conservative adherents of the sufficiency of the three "R's" for a common school education, that letter perfection in these three "R's" and their allied branches is, to-day, but a means to an end, and not an end in itself.



The one end we must keep in mind for all our boys and girls is, maximum industrial efficiency. To attain this end is the heaviest problem in small school systems, whose heads, while well aware that boys and girls in a small town have just as good a right to start life well and earn and maintain a good living, are confronted with the difficulty of providing proper equipment and adequate teaching staff to teach industrial branches thoroughly in all the grades as well as in the High School.

Academic proficiency, well exemplified by our High School graduates in various colleges, will always be sought in every good school system, but industrial efficiency must, with increasing earnestness of purpose, practicality of teaching methods, and far-sighted generosity of taxpayers, be our educational goal in the years to come.

Until recently, we have not been able to offer to upper class girl pupils sufficient option in industrial work to interest them, or to hold them in the school, thereby allowing them to slip out of the school system inadequately equipped for decent self-maintenance.

In a small town a girl, on leaving High School, either during or at the completion of her course, usually can only look forward to small-paying clerical positions of precarious tenure, which renders it a difficult matter, even though she lives at home to be self-supporting, much less of assistance to her family if the need arises.

The question naturally follows, what else is there for a girl to do, and what can be taught her in a small High School that will be of practical benefit to her? It is not possible that all well-trained graduates of the commercial department of the school are going to be able to find suitable positions at the end of their course, and not all girls are temperamentally adapted to exacting clerical work demanded in up-to-date business establishments.

Of the many callings open to women, journalism, teaching, governess' work, nursing, library service,

telephony, telegraphy, mission work, secretaryship, photography, designing, painting, canvassing, independent business callings, floriculture, dairy, general store, hotel, factory or work shop, stenography, typewriting and general office work, dressmaking, garment cutting, home manufactures of food products and domestic science, the small High School can only hope to prepare for two branches, possibly three—civil service, commercial and domestic.

The recent decision of the School Committee to expand the scope and effectiveness of the household arts course in the high school, by converting it into a state-aided vocational course, whereby additional courses and credits are secured for many more students, is a decided step forward in helping them meet the constantly increasing and exacting demands for capable workers upon their graduation and entry into the various fields of professional, executive, commercial, mercantile and industrial service.

The larger schools and colleges for women now offer extensive courses in the domestic science, working on the theory which has been proved sound

<b>College</b>	that a well-trained housekeeper or “ex-
<b>Courses</b>	ecutive hostess”, by recent terminology,
	one who is demonstrably proficient in

home management, can make herself indispensable to the well-ordered home, can secure and maintain a dignified social status in the family, can regulate her hours of work and receive profitable compensation for her services as domestic manager or assistant. In several large cities domestic science courses, offered by Young Women’s Unions and Associations to girls of little or no education, have been crowded, and certified graduates of these courses have had no difficulty in securing advantageous positions in excellent households.

Scientific knowledge of household economics, energy, ambition, self-respect without false pride, unalterable determination to make domestic service a profession, not a servile occupation, is increasingly bound to bring

success, for a long time to come, to those girls who are able to clearly see the growing opportunity for scientific domestic managers and assistants.

Money spent to maintain domestic science courses for girls and varied manual courses for boys will return to the community which gives it a rich interest, in the development of capable boys and girls who cannot go to higher educational institutions to learn a profession, yet can adjust themselves quickly and advantageously to the industrial life of the world. Are our boys and girls not worth it?

The reports of the supervisors of the various departments may be found in the following pages and are worth careful reading for their specific informational value. In concluding this report, I wish to express keen appreciation of the valuable cooperation of an excellent corps of teachers, the cordial attitude of the parents and the community to all our efforts, and your own very helpful advice and support in all branches of administrative endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST W. ROBINSON,  
*Superintendent.*

### WHAT IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL?

Only a lot of boys and girls?

Only the tiresome spelling, writing ciphering classes?

Ah more, infinitely more:

Is it this pile of brick and mortar,

These dead floors, windows, boards you call a school?

Why this is not the school at all—

The school is living, ever livings souls!

And you America—

Cast you the real reckoning for your present?

The lights and shadows of your future good or evil?

To girlhood, boyhood look—the teacher and the school!

Walt Whitman—adaptation.

## REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Mr. Ernest W. Robinson  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit my annual report as Principal of the Howard High School.

The foremost topic of thought in the minds of every American today is the problem of defense. Without sounding a note of hysteria, the secondary school must give serious attention to this national problem, not from a military point of view but from a truly educational point of view. It must consider what can be done for the millions of youths coming within the sphere of its powerful influence in educating for the preservation and protection of those ideals of freedom for which our great democracy stands. Its essential concern must be with the intellectual and physical well-being of youth, and not with military training.

In stepping up its production program of war materials, the country's greatest material need today is that of skilled labor in the machine trades. A small comprehensive high school like our own cannot do much in the way of direct vocational training to meet this vital demand. However, there are several areas of activity in which we operate to make important contributions to the solution of our defense problems. If the future of democracy is to be assured, we must continue to emphasize with greater vigor and with a well guided purpose to (1) train our students to think, (2) equip them with a general background, both historical and social, specific enough to direct their thinking toward intelligently constructive ends, (3) develop habits for good



health, and (4) lay the essential foundation for vocational life. Hence, education for defense need not conflict with the aims of a modern high school.

In connection with the enforcement of the selective military service act, medical examinations reveal large numbers of young men physically unfit for service. These results spotlight deficiencies of health education in the various communities both in and out of school. Exclusive of fragmentary instruction as parts of other subject matter, and the operation of a limited athletic program, little is being done in Howard High School to correct existing physical defects and to develop permanent habits for maintaining good health. To administer an effective program of health education, in my opinion, a department of physical education should be organized to coordinate health activities throughout the entire school system.

Despite increased demands placed upon it, the high school cannot neglect its duty to its youth in respect to vocational education, if students are expected to take their proper places in the home, office, factory and community with those skills, ideals and attitudes which are essential to the preservation of our American way of life. Our high school's program of vocational preparation should be extended on every possible front. At practically no increase in cost but with the aid of the State Department of Education, our present part time course of three days a week in home economics could be greatly improved and readily expanded to a full time course of five days a week. Such a curriculum would effectively strengthen the very backbone of our great democracy—the home. It is not at all improbable that a like development of our present shop work will become possible in the immediate future. An extension of our wood working shop to more intensive work in wood and the addition of metal work both organized on a productive basis would be invaluable in establishing many of the elements necessary for adequate vocational adjustment in actual post school employment.



In adult life there are many kinds of clubs administering to a wide range of interests. These organizations are of considerable value in enhancing the social, intellectual, professional, religious, financial and physical development of their members or they would not continue to exist. Therefore, since the school should provide opportunities for as near life situations as possible, a club program should be in operation in every progressive high school. In order to provide a means for the extension and deepening of individual students' interests, to develop worthy social attitudes and ideals, and motivate regular class work, the formation of clubs has been encouraged. Heavy teaching schedules make necessary the operation of this program a voluntary basis. Numbering among the clubs recently formed are the Model Airplane Club, The Junior Red Cross Club, The Press Club, The Boys' Club, and The Operators' Club. Briefly, the first named group studies and constructs planes; the Junior Red Cross workers sew garments for use in war-torn Europe; the Press Club reports school news to the Brockton "Enterprise"; The Boys' Club occupies itself with boy problems and interests; and the members of the last named organization study and operate the school's sound projector, the silent projector, and the public address system.

Perhaps the most important organized unit newly formed is the Student Council. The following section of its constitution sets forth its purpose:

"Its purpose is to help train the student in citizenship; to provide an opportunity for students to regulate extra curricula activities; to foster a spirit of service among the students, and to provide an opportunity for students to govern themselves outside the class room."

The Student Council, is destined to become a powerful influence in the school in providing experience and practice in self-government—a definite prerequisite for our democracy.

For many years it has been necessary to raise funds to subsidize, chiefly, our athletic, library and assembly

activities. Annually, the bulk of this money is being earned by the sale of magazines of the Crowell Publishing Company. This method involves many creditable features. In addition to eliminating the charitable efforts of a tag day, real sales experience in offering value for value is afforded, school unity is strengthened and a substantial profit diverted into the school treasury which otherwise would revert to the pockets of out-of-town house to house canvassers. The combined results of careful management and the outstanding success of this drive in October, and without the curtailment of any activity, the school was able to secure through the Crowell Publishing Company a new DeVry sound motion picture projector. The use of this machine bids fair to occupy an important place in our program of visual education.

In conclusion, I wish to express my grateful appreciation to you, the school committee, the Howard Trustees, the teachers, and other friends of the school for the faithfulness and generosity of the support accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

NILS G. LINDELL,  
*Principal.*

January, 1941

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee:

At the beginning of this term physical examinations were made of 675 pupils. About one-third of the student body were found to have defects which were brought to the attention of the parents. The various abnormalities noted were: infected tonsils, carious or maloccluded teeth, blepharitis (stick together of the eyelids), eye squint, heart murmurs, and cervical glands.

There has been no unusual amount of contagious disease in the community and no sign of any spread through the schools. The general health of the students as a whole has been excellent. Numerous X-rays have been taken of the chests of underweight or underpar children, but no evidence of tuberculosis has been discovered.

It is through the ceaseless, untiring efforts of Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, School Nurse, that cases are followed and all possible defects cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSPEH BERKOWITZ, M.D.,  
*School Physician.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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To the Superintendent of Schools,  
Ernest W. Robinson

I herewith submit my annual report.

As in the past physical examinations were completed by Dr. Joseph Berkowitz. A large percentage of notices sent to parents were for defective tonsils. More than half of our children still have their teeth uncared for.

- 3 had defective hearts
- 2 epileptic tendencies
- 3 swollen glands
- 4 inflamed eyes
- 6 referred for chest X-ray

A diphtheria clinic was held in May. Thirty children received three doses each of toxin-anti-toxin. One was unfinished because of chicken pox.

Audiometer test was given in grades 5-9-10. A total of 147 were tested, 20 of which were retested; 4 follow up cases have left school; 6 new cases were found, making a total of 10 carrying cases. Notices were sent and follow up proves we have one pupil who attends a lip reading class. Others had adenoids removed and other remedial care. Six had eyes cared for—glasses furnished where necessary.

Tuberculosis Clinic was held at Howard High School. Directed by Staff of Plymouth County Hospital; 143 skin tests were done—36 which reacted—5 were X-rayed and nine of these had physical examinations—seven were discharged from follow up cases, with nine continued cases. Mr. Lindell supervised the publicity. A movie was shown also. One child attended Camp eight weeks.

Wonderland camp accepted a mother and three small children for two weeks. Sixty-three percent of High School enrolment consented 25%-re-acted.

Dentist Dr. Edmund Tobin who conducts clinics in eight or more towns examined our school children. His portable equipment was set up at the Center School and those desiring work were transported to this school. 140 children were treated, 12 cases were unfinished, 476 operations were done. About 25 more wanted work done but there were no funds available, in spite of the fact that the Girl Scouts, K. A. Club, Grange and Women's Alliance each gave \$5.00. The Red Cross donated \$50.00. Money furnished was most acceptable and filled an urgent need.

One child was referred to the clinic for crippled children has recovered from her operation and appears normal.

Eight retarded children were referred to the psychometric clinic and recommended for placement in a special class. We have no adequate means of training handicapped children. Much has been said about crime prevention but little or nothing has been done about early correction of habits that lead to crime. Corrections of physical defects is an essential to proper mental adjustment. Accompanied 3 children to Brockton psychometric clinic for adjustment.

In addition to other accomplishments 17 had tonsils removed.

Two cases of Vincent's Aregina were reported as having been treated. Mumps have been reported from all parts of the town. At present colds and grippe are prevalent.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation for the co-operation of teachers, parents and school officials.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. HEWITT,  
*School Nurse.*



## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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Superintendent Ernest W. Robinson  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I find pleasure in submitting to you my annual report as Music Supervisor in the schools of West Bridgewater.

The work in the first two grades at the beginning of the year consisted largely in rote song singing by groups and by individuals. Those children who had difficulty in finding their singing voices were placed in front of singers and were encouraged to imitate another child or the teacher in matching tones and to distinguish similar and dissimilar tones. This trained the EAR. Children who were not too shy responded willingly the first time. The songs taught the first year and a half were simple, appealing, artistic and foundational. The music repertory and vocabulary were thus built up for future EYE work in recognizing the relationship between tone figures and note figures when the books were placed in the hands of the children. Action songs and folk dances were added to the enjoyment of the work in these grades.

In grades three and four, the drill age, much time was spent in note reading by phrases, simple time problems, and in tone quality. To pupils of this age attention was called to quality of tone rather than to volume of tone. They were encouraged to sing alone or in small choirs. Those pupils showing outstanding ability were occasionally invited to come before the class and demonstrate their leadership. Competition is keen and

stimulating in these grades and there is a strong desire to be singled out when doing exceptionally good work.

In the fifth and sixth grades new rhythmic figures were presented through compound time, music moods through major and minor keys, and the enrichment of tonal effects through two and three part singing. The adolescent change in the boy voice which begins to show at this time and on through the next two years is a problem. Songs in four parts in the seventh and eighth grades help take care of the situation.

The graduation exercises of the Sunset Avenue School were held in the regular class room. The songs sung included selections in three and four parts taken from the class text book. The exercises of the Center School were held in the town hall and the theme of the program was America the Beautiful. The scenes, dances and musical selections were those characteristic of the periods from the time of the Indians and Pilgrims on through the war days to the present.

In the High School the chorus still maintained a large membership and a fine spirit of interest and cooperation prevailed. At one of the assemblies which was in charge of the Vocal Music Department choruses of familiar songs were sung, readings of musical interest presented and selection given by the boys and by the girls respectively. At graduation only a part of the chorus sang as was the case of the previous year due to the small platform.

The Supervisor has not aimed for mechanized musical training but for a free, spontaneous expression of the child's response to and appreciation of music. Compulsory participation is avoided if possible because the voluntary response goes deeper and is more lasting. The conduct of the class room lesson has been informal and

friendly. A certain amount of relaxation is necessary in order to attain satisfactory results. Tense muscles make for sharp and strained tones.

“Music is a stimulating force. It appeals and arouses; it creates, develops and intensifies moods. It is the most potent means for promoting social relationships.”

Respectfully yours,

LOIS J. SNOW,  
*Supervisor of Music.*

## REPORT OF MANUAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

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To the Superintendent:

As the two eighth grade classes have only one hour for Manual Training each two weeks, the selection of a project has been limited to a choice of one of four simple types.

These were chosen because of the tools necessary in their construction and the average time necessary to complete same.

It might be well to point out that the pupil must be satisfied with his first endeavor, when completed, in order for him to gain confidence in his ability to do more difficult work. Many of these boys also have a tendency to overestimate their personal ability, and therefore might become discouraged if the project proved too difficult.

If possible I would like to interview each of these eighth grade boys when it comes time for them to select their high school course of study. Although I believe each of the high school boys is benefiting by his shop experience there are a few who might be better suited to a purely academic course, giving those not as academically inclined more shop time.

New equipment including a powered scroll saw, two bench vises, four bar clamps, three Josgensen clamps, two bit braces and several other items have been ordered for future expansion.

As to the proposed addition to the shop, Mr. Beaudry of the State Fire Inspector's Office has made it clear what may be done in the way of alterations.

If any partitions are to be erected they must be of lath and plaster construction. He further recommends

that the existing sheathed wall should be removed and, if replaced, should also be of lath and plaster construction. The stairway from the basement to the first floor at the south end of the building may be removed entirely, as it is not used for any purpose.

A test has been made to note the amount of noise which would pass into the existing hot air ducts, which lead to the two first floor halls, should the rest of that side of the basement be available. The amount of noise passing into these pipes was found to be negligible except when actual contact was made with them.

A study of changing trends in junior and senior high school programs reveals the increasing emphasis being placed on the manual side of modern education, and emphasis that reflects the purpose of educators to make education a fitting for the rapidly expanding industrial life of the nation. We are trying to keep step with this growth.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MORTON



## REPORT OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS SUPERVISOR

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To the Superintendent of Schools,  
Ernest W. Robinson

Since its opening three and one half years ago, the Home Economics Department has steadily advanced. Last year, the introduction of a workbook and recitation period was a definite stride ahead for it was an aid in helping the girls better understand what they were doing in the laboratory periods. This year a course in third year clothing has been added to the other courses and so far it is quite a success. The girls are allowed to make anything they may desire or need at the time. Some of the girls have constructed garments out of old or too small garments with some very fine results. Others have made children's garments, house coats, dresses, slips, etc. Since the number of periods devoted to this course is greater, the girls are able to accomplish a great deal more.

The other courses given are just about the same as they have been in the past, with a few improvements. The foods prepared and the garments constructed in the laboratory are really only foundations upon which the girls must build. Since our time is so limited only the main essentials can be covered in class and it is up to each girl to improve her cooking and sewing. This can be done only if she is allowed to do these things at home. It is particularly gratifying to me when girls bring notes from home signed by a parent or guardian indicating that certain foods have been prepared successfully. As we all know practice makes perfect. If the girls are not allowed to cook or sew at home it is quite impossible to really accomplish the aims of the course in Home Economics. I feel certain that if each girl studies earn-

estly and endeavors to get all she can from the courses she will derive that feeling of satisfaction that comes with accomplishing something worthwhile, for no matter what she may do in the future her work in this department will be of great value to her in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH ERNST.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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### HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1940

Howard Hall, June nineteen at  
eight o'clock

Motto—"Pick Your Peak and Climb"

### CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Chester Rossi  
 Vice President ..... Eunice O'Donnell  
 Secretary ..... Mildred Howe  
 Treasurer ..... Marian Bennett  
 Class Colors .... Maroon and White  
 Class Flower ..... Carnation

### PROGRAM

1. March—Festival March Mendelssohn  
Howard High School Orchestra
2. Prayer  
Reverend Raymond Spears
3. Music—Star of Love—Tango in D Albinez-Oliver  
Girls' Chorus
4. Address—Old American Ideals for New American  
Problems  
Dr. David D. Vaughan
5. Presentation of Class Gift  
Chester Rossi  
President of Class of 1940
6. Acceptance for School  
Clyfton Bourne  
President of Class of 1941

7. Presentation of Awards  
     Washington and Franklin Medal  
     Good Citizenship  
     Class of 1939 Scholarship  
     Principal Nils G. Lindell
8. Music—Der Freischutz Von Weber  
     Howard High School Orchestra
9. Presentation of Diplomas  
     Mr. Lloyd Tyrer  
     Chairman of School Board
10. Class Ode Ardreth Height  
     Class of 1940
11. Benediction  
     Reverend Raymond Spears
12. Recessional

### CLASS ODE

Tune: O Christmas Pine (*O Tannenbaum*) by  
 Frank Foster

Oh Howard High,  
 Oh Howard High,  
 We never shall forget you.  
 Your memory, will linger on  
 'Tho many years have come and gone.  
 Oh Howard High,  
 Oh Howard High,  
 We never shall forget you  
 Your ivy walls,  
 Your grassy lawns  
 We always shall remember.  
 Your teachers, too, forever true.  
 We now all give our thanks to you.  
 Oh Howard High!  
 Oh Howard High!  
 We never shall forget you!

—Ardreth Height

## GRADUATES

Virginia E. Ames	Mildred Rosamond Howe
Virginia Louise Barclay	Astrid Virginia Johnson
Muriel Pauline Barrett	Karolyn Luella Keeler
Marian Dorothy Bennett	George Francis MacHardy
Lolita J. Blood	Iva Nola McFarlan
Alice M. Burroughs	William Albert Melendy
Donald E. Clark	William Winslow Noyes, Jr.
Mileham Raymond Cook	Eunice May O'Donnell
Doris Marian Cunningham	Arlene Lillie Peterson
William H. Curtis	Hilda R. Rezendes
Cecile R. Eno	Ernest George Rizel
Walter Arnold Fischer	Anna Ellen Rockwell
Anna Edith Freitas	Joseph Chester Rossi
Grace Anna Gummow	Sarah Salvador
Theresa May Gummow	Harold Hjalmar Sigren
Ardreth Joyce Height	Phyllis S. Wells
Ruth I. Wells	



## TEACHING FORCE 1940 - 1941

<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
High	Principal	Nils G. Lindell	Mathematics	Tufts College
High		Janice M. Rylander	Languages	Boston University
High		Arthur L. Frelick	Science	Mass. Agr. College
High		J. Roy Newton	English	Yale University
High		Myrtle A. Otto	Commercial	Salem Teachers' College
High		Clarice J. Weeden	History	Wellesley College
High		Naomi E. White	Commercial	Boston University
Center	VIII	Benjamin D. Thomas	Principal	Castine Normal
Center	VII	Ellen F. Kett		Hyannis Normal
Center	VI	Elinor F. Spencer		Bridgewater Teachers'
Center	V	Alice M. Guinea		Bridgewater Teachers'
Center	III-IV	Miriam T. Hall		Fitchburg Teachers'
Center	I-II	Gertrude A. Pillsbury		Warren High
Sunset Ave.	VII-VIII	Theresa M. Miller	Principal	Brockton Business University
Sunset Ave.	V-VI	Thelma Johnson		Castine Normal
Sunset Ave.	III-IV	Marian E. Cushman		Bridgewater Teachers'
Sunset Ave.	I-II	Myrtle A. Davidson		Castine Normal
Matfield	I-III	Gertrude J. Ward	Principal	Perry Kindergarten
Cochesett	IV-VI	Wilmar C. Harlow	Principal	Bridgewater Teachers'
Cochesett	I-III	Marian B. Turski		Castine Normal
Jerusalem	I-V	Mary Nelson		Bridgewater Teachers'
Music Supervision		Lois J. Snow		Hyannis Normal
Practical Arts Supervisor		Ruth E. Ernst		Framingham Teachers'
Manual Arts Supervisor		Robert C. Morton		New Bedford Vocational
Superintendent		Ernest W. Robinson		Harvard College

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 1940-1941

First term—16 weeks, opens September 4, closes December 20, 1940

Second term—7 weeks, opens December 30, closes February 14, 1941

Third term—8 weeks, opens February 24, closes April 18, 1941

Fourth term—8 weeks, opens April 28, closes June 20, 1940

## 1940-1941 Vacations

Closed Friday, October 25 for Teachers' Convention

Thanksgiving vacation, close at noon November 27 and open December 2

Christmas vacation, close at night December 20 and open December 30

Winter vacation, close at night February 14 and open February 24.

Spring vacation, close April 18 and open April 28

Memorial Day recess, close at night May 30 and open June 2

All schools close on June 20

## 1941-1942

First term—16 weeks, opens September 3, closes December 19, 1941

Second term—7 weeks, opens December 29, closes February 13, 1942

Third term—8 weeks, opens February 23, closes April 17, 1942

Fourth term—8 weeks, opens April 27, closes June 19, 1942

## 1941-1942 Holidays

Armistice Day, November 11, 1941

New Year's Day, January 1, 1942

Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1942

Memorial Day, May 30, 1942

## MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1940

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Totals
Grades 1	15	33	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
2	...	17	41	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
3	...	...	13	20	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
4	...	...	...	16	27	8	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
5	...	...	...	...	22	27	9	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
6	...	...	...	...	...	13	33	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	41	9	2	1	...	...	...	...	66
8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	22	8	3	1	...	...	...	54
9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	38	10	2	...	...	...	64
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	36	4	3	...	...	56
11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	27	8	2	...	48
12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	22	3	1	39
Totals	15	50	61	47	55	50	58	75	53	59	61	47	33	5	1	670

## SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES, JANUARY 1, 1941

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Howard High .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	57	48	40	208
Center VIII .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	31
Center VII .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	38
Center VI .....	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Center V .....	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Center III-IV .....	...	...	14	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Center I-II .....	17	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Sunset Ave. VII-VIII .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	24	...	...	...	...	41
Sunset Ave. V-VI .....	...	...	...	...	17	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Sunset Ave. III-IV .....	...	...	17	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Sunset Ave. I-II .....	13	21	...	14	13	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Cochesett IV-VI .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Cochesett I-III .....	15	11	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Jerusalem I-V .....	3	4	0	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Matfield I-III .....	7	11	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Totals	55	65	47	53	48	63	55	55	63	57	48	40	649

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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The balance sheet of December 31, 1940 shows the town to be in the same favorable condition as we were at the end of the previous year. This we believe reflects good management by the department heads and reasonable appropriations by the voters.

We believe that we must be conservative in our expenditures of monies in the coming year, to maintain this position. The appropriations by the town are in the control of the voters, but the constantly increasing load put upon us all by the County, State and Federal Governments are largely beyond our control. We all know that we have not as yet begun to feel the burden of the defense program that will be put upon us for years to come.

We have carefully gone over with each department their budgets for the year. In several instances the department heads have shown their desire to co-operate by revising their original estimates, and we feel that the amounts we have recommended are reasonable for maintaining the efficiency of the departments.

There are a few departments whose budgets are higher than last year, but we feel these increases are justified by their needs. One of the largest of these is Old Age Assistance, which is constantly increasing year by year, but this expense is largely beyond the control of local supervision. We believe the expenses of our Welfare Department have been well handled during the past year.

The recommendations of the Committee on the Departmental budgets and the special articles in the Warrant total approximately \$6,400.00 more than last year. After consulting with the Assessors and checking esti-



mated receipts, it appears to us that we may expect an increase of approximately \$2.00 per thousand in the tax rate, if the amounts recommended are appropriated by the voters.

Article 7 in the Warrant calls for the appropriation of a sum of money by the town to be used with money allotted by the State and County, and as we understand that under Chapter 90 construction work will be financed by the State to the amount of \$6,000.00 and by the County to the amount of \$3,000.00, we are recommending the appropriation of \$3,000.00 by the town. State funds were not available for this work last year.

Article 19 in the Warrant calls for an appropriation for the installation of an adequate heating plant in the Sunset Avenue school. We are recommending this installation but feel that \$3,000.00 should amply cover the cost.

Article 18 in the Warrant calls for an appropriation for Federal Projects expenses. We have recommended the sum of \$7,076.00 to cover the projects as outlined for the year. This is slightly more than \$2,000.00 above the amount appropriated last year, but there was a sizeable amount available for this work left over from the previous year for last year's projects.

Article 16 in the Warrant calls for an appropriation for the installation of toilets in the Public Library. We have not recommended this appropriation as we feel that the proposition is impractical under the existing conditions.

We urge the Water Commissioners to give careful consideration during this year to the placing of our Water Department on a basis where the income covers the costs of maintenance and the payment of bonds and interest approved by the voters of the town.

We thank the various officers of the Town who have aided us in our work during the past year. This Committee meets monthly and is always glad to talk over town affairs and finances with any citizens interested.

A Table of Estimates by Departments, amounts recommended by this Committee, and report of recommendations on articles in the Town Warrant appear on the following pages.

ARTHUR E. RYDER, Chairman

ALFRED T. WELLS, Secretary

WALTER D. CROWLEY,

JOHN C. ELDRIDGE,

JOHN E. HOWARD,

WILLIAM W. NOYES,

JOHN M. RICHARDS,

Finance Committee.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT

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Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers by Official Ballot: One Town Clerk for one year, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, one for two years to fill vacancy, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, two Constables for one year.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of March 3, 1941, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Article 2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

Article 3. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The Finance Committee recommends such authorization.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee for each Department appear in the Tables included in their report.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to be used with any sum allotted thereto by State and County.**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Streets; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of one quarter of the total amount to be contributed by State, County and Town; our share of the contribution not to exceed \$3,000.00.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for a clinic by the School physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will install one Street Light on So. Elm Street at a point near MacDonald Brook, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

**The Finance Committee does not recommend this installation.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of at least two Street Lights on Wall Street, or take any other action relative thereto. (By request, and petition.)

**The Finance Committee recommends the installation of one light and the appropriation of the sum of \$18.00 to cover the cost of the same for the present year.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to install three (3) street lights in Cochesett at the following places: Crescent Street opposite High Street, High Street opposite Friend, and the corner of High and Church Streets.

The Finance Committee recommends the installation of two lights—one at the corner of High and Crescent Streets; the other at the corner of High and Friend Streets — and the appropriation of the sum of \$36.00 to cover the cost of same for the present year.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to install four (4) street lights on Prospect Street, raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommends the installation of three lights and the appropriation of the sum of \$54.00 to cover the cost of same for the present year.

Article 13. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Section 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$100.00 for this purpose.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,949.33 for this maintenance.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.



Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install septic tank, two flush bowls and one lavatory in the Public Library.

**The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Federal Project Expenses.

**The Finance Committee recommends the sum of \$7,076.00 for this purpose.**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$3,500.00 to install a modern, adequate heating plant in the Sunset Avenue School.

**The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for this installation.**

Article 20. To see what action the Town will take upon the petition of the Matfield Women's Club in regard to sale of Town land upon which the building now owned by them is located. Building formerly known as the portable school building.

**The Finance Committee does not recommend the sale of this land.**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

**The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 to be paid to the County. The County having paid the total amount, \$1500.00, direct, one half the amount is being debited against the Town.

The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of \$775.00 as our share of this expense.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345.48 for land damage on Crescent Street. To be paid direct to the property owners.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

Article 24. To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of Lot No. 12 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, known as the Shipman half of such lot.

The Finance Committee recommends favorable action.

Article 25. That the Town authorize the School Committee to establish and maintain State-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws and Acts amendatory thereto, or dependent thereon, and further raise and appropriate the amount of \$650.00 therefor.

Refer to the voters.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for Christmas decorations by illumination at the Monument, and appoint a committee of three for the same.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of not over \$10,000.00 from the Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate for the current year.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee of five citizens to consider the advisability of the construction of a Fire and Police Station and report their findings at a Special Town Meeting to be called on or before July 1st, 1941.

**Refer to the voters.**

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer into Water Surplus Revenue Account the balance of \$76.86 remaining in the 1940 appropriation for 6 in. pipe.

**The Finance Committee recommends this transfer.**

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1940 into Surplus Revenue Account: Fire Department \$50.00; North Elm Street \$43.92; Sidewalk on Matfield Street \$116.93; River Street \$44.58; Sewing project \$41.00; Highway beautification \$36.05; Municipal Unemployemnet \$2.40; Baseball Equipment \$7.37; New Town Offices \$1,103.62. Total \$1,445.87.

**The Finance Committee recommends these transfers.**

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17.03 to cover abatements as follows: 1933—\$5.44. 1934—\$5.44. 1935—\$5.22. 1936—\$0.93.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

## TABLE OF COMPARISON

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1939 AND 1940, TOGETHER WITH AMOUNTS  
ESTIMATED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE FOR 1941

	Appropriated		Expended		Appropriated		Expended		Estimated Recommended	
	1939	1939	1939	1940	1940	1940	1940	1941	1941	1941
Moderator .....	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Selectmen's Department .....	800.00	765.53	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	722.60	800.00	800.00	800.00
Accountant's Department .....	700.00	678.78	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	676.94	675.00	675.00	675.00
Treasurer's Department .....	1,300.00	1,209.64	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,214.35	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Collector's Department .....	1,938.00	1,938.00	1,938.00	1,947.00	1,947.00	1,947.00	2,077.56	2,015.00	2,015.00	2,015.00
Assessors' Department .....	1,600.00	1,479.95	1,600.00	1,825.00	1,825.00	1,825.00	1,604.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Other Finance Officers .....	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00
Town Clerk's Department .....	600.00	558.17	600.00	620.00	620.00	620.00	620.00	620.00	620.00	620.00
Election and Registration .....	200.00	524.61†	200.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	954.99	350.00	350.00	350.00
Law .....	25.00	5.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00
Town Hall and Offices .....	2,800.00	2,594.70	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,825.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00
Police Department .....	2,400.00	2,249.02	2,400.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,799.72	2,265.00	2,265.00	2,265.00
Dog Officer .....	35.00	21.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	12.50	35.00	35.00	35.00
Fire Department .....	2,450.00	2,448.77	2,450.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,494.54	2,450.00	2,450.00	2,450.00
Hydrants .....	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	100.00	81.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	76.46	100.00	100.00	100.00
Moth Suppression .....	2,000.00	1,997.56	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,988.48	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tree Warden's Department .....	750.00	728.67	750.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	691.04	700.00	700.00	700.00
Health and Sanitation .....	1,500.00	1,241.80	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,008.10	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,275.00

	Appropriated		Expended		Appropriated		Expended		Estimated		Recommended	
	1939		1939		1940		1940		1941		1941	
Inspection of Animals .....	100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering .....	125.00		73.97		100.00		58.29		100.00		100.00	
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance .....	1,680.46		1,680.46		1,720.79		1,720.79		1,949.33		1,949.33	
Highway Department .....	10,373.36		10,397.54		10,000.00		9,991.89		10,000.00		10,000.00	
Road Machinery Account .....	2,000.00		1,308.83		1,600.00		1,591.14		1,200.00		1,200.00	
Snow Removal .....	1,000.00		819.70		1,300.00		1,027.40		1,300.00		1,300.00	
Street Lights .....	3,559.68		3,552.46		3,648.72		3,622.45		3,657.72		3,657.72	
Public Welfare Administration .....	600.00		264.41		600.00		427.55		525.00		525.00	
Public Welfare .....	14,000.00		11,024.45		13,000.00		10,926.73		12,000.00		12,000.00	
Dependent Children Administration .....	25.00		24.65		45.00		30.67		32.00		32.00	
Dependent Children .....	1,200.00		694.93		2,000.00		1,107.52		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Old Age Assistance Administration .....	135.00		59.32		340.00		321.34		345.00		345.00	
Old Age Assistance .....	13,000.00		12,355.06		13,000.00		14,185.28		15,220.00		15,220.00	
State Aid .....	50.00		60.00		60.00		10.00		100.00		100.00	
Soldiers' Relief .....	1,350.00		1,060.30		1,350.00		802.62		1,150.00		1,150.00	
Military Aid .....	700.00		735.00		1,000.00		675.00		700.00		700.00	
Soldiers' Burial .....	50.00		.....		50.00		100.00		100.00		100.00	
Library .....	1,210.00		1,185.54		1,240.00		1,234.55		1,240.00		1,240.00	
School Department .....	49,300.00		49,321.10		50,000.00		49,573.36		50,315.00		50,315.00	
Care of Monument Grounds and Flags and Parks .....	400.00		488.50		525.00		481.37		550.00		550.00	
Memorial and Armistice Days Observance .....	175.00		173.93		200.00		199.84		200.00		200.00	
Printing and Distributing Town Reports .....	393.95		411.95		340.70		340.70		.....		.....	
Fire Insurance .....	484.85		484.85		538.10		538.10		519.92		519.92	
Liability Insurance .....	771.03		771.03		704.50		704.50		945.22		945.22	



	Appropriated		Expended		Appropriated		Expended		Estimated		Recommended	
	1939	1939	1939	1939	1940	1940	1940	1940	1941	1941	1941	1941
Reserve Fund .....	2,000.00	1,159.23	2,000.00	1,726.05	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest .....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Care of Cemeteries .....	130.00	88.75	100.00	127.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Visiting Nurse Service .....	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Finance Committee .....	15.00	7.75	15.00	3.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Preserving Records .....	50.00	35.70	50.00	14.10	50.00	50.00	14.10	14.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Federal Projects Account .....	7,136.00	8,108.85	5,000.00	5,164.68	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,164.68	5,164.68	7,076.00	7,076.00	7,076.00	7,076.00
Widen North Elm Street .....	3,000.00	5,892.42†	1,500.00	792.06	1,500.00	1,500.00	792.06	792.06	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest Fire Warden .....	250.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highway Truck .....	835.00	835.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunset Avenue School Sanitation .....	.....	.....	600.00	575.86	600.00	600.00	575.86	575.86	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Town Offices .....	.....	.....	3,000.00	1,754.51	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,754.51	1,754.51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town Garage .....	1,100.00	17.91	.....	1,182.38	.....	.....	1,182.38	1,182.38	.....	.....	.....	.....
	<u>\$138,273.33</u>	<u>\$133,681.12</u>	<u>\$137,119.81</u>	<u>\$131,592.76</u>	<u>\$137,119.81</u>	<u>\$131,592.76</u>	<u>\$131,592.76</u>	<u>\$131,592.76</u>	<u>\$134,520.19</u>	<u>\$134,520.19</u>	<u>\$134,520.19</u>	<u>\$134,520.19</u>

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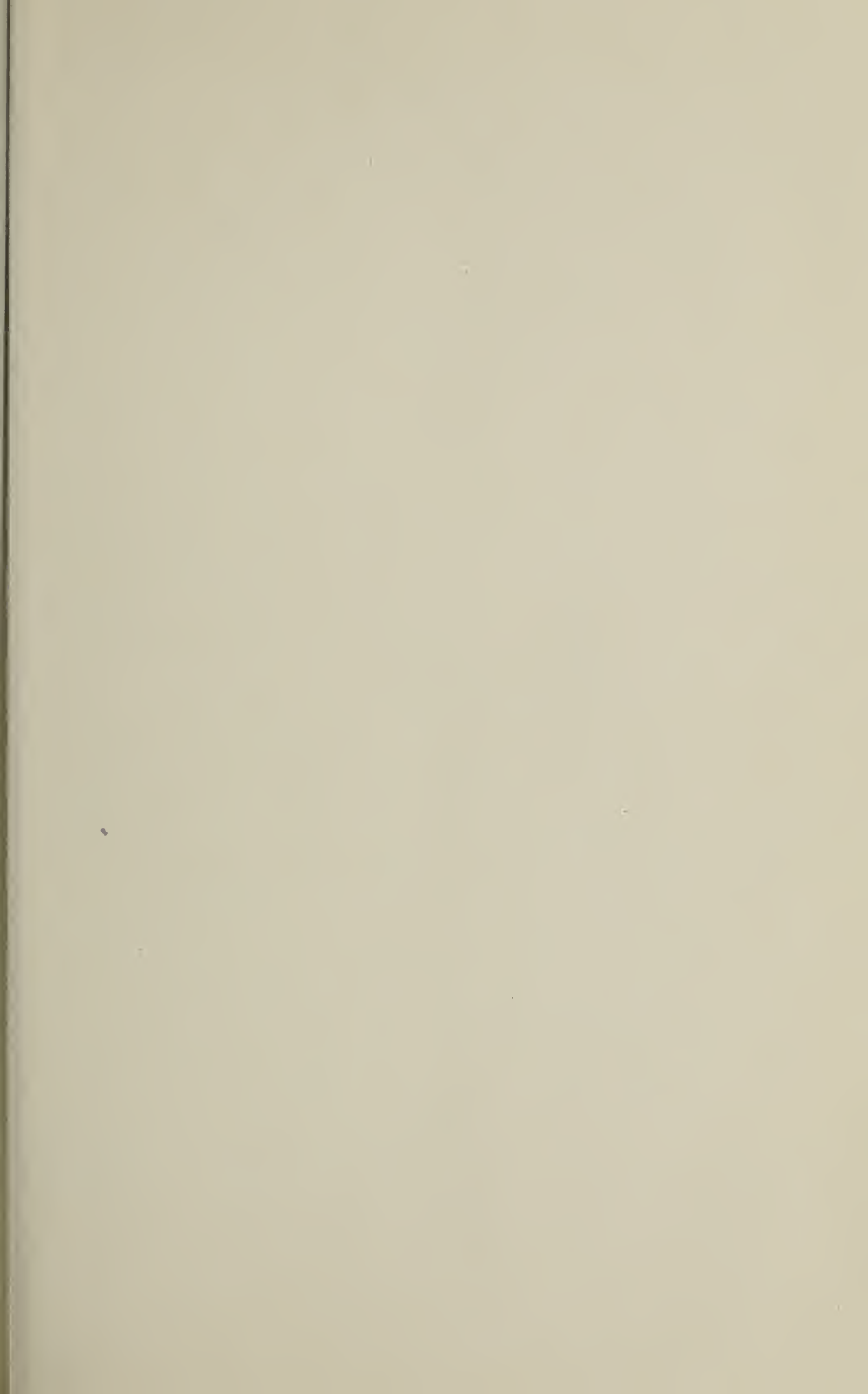
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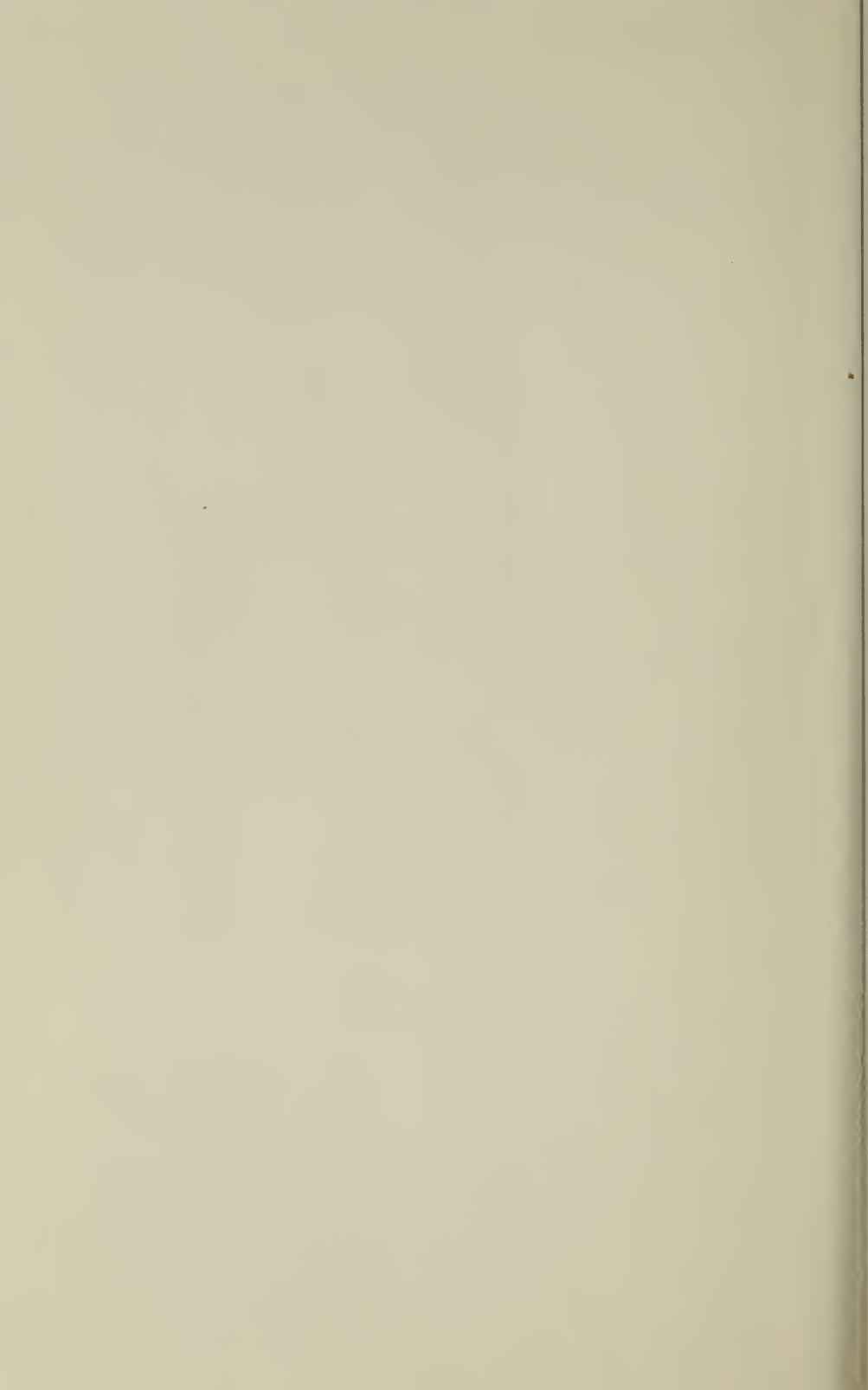
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	1939	1939	1940	1940	1941	1941
Water Department Maintenance .....	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$11,996.98	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Water Department Bonds and Interest .....	4,422.64	4,422.64	3,911.61	3,911.61	4,117.60	4,117.60
West Centre Street Extension .....	.....	.....	1,550.00	1,536.31	.....	.....
New 6" Water Mains .....	.....	.....	12,000.00	12,000.00	.....	.....
	<u>\$14,422.64</u>	<u>\$14,422.64</u>	<u>\$29,461.61</u>	<u>\$29,444.90</u>	<u>\$15,117.60</u>	<u>\$15,117.60</u>

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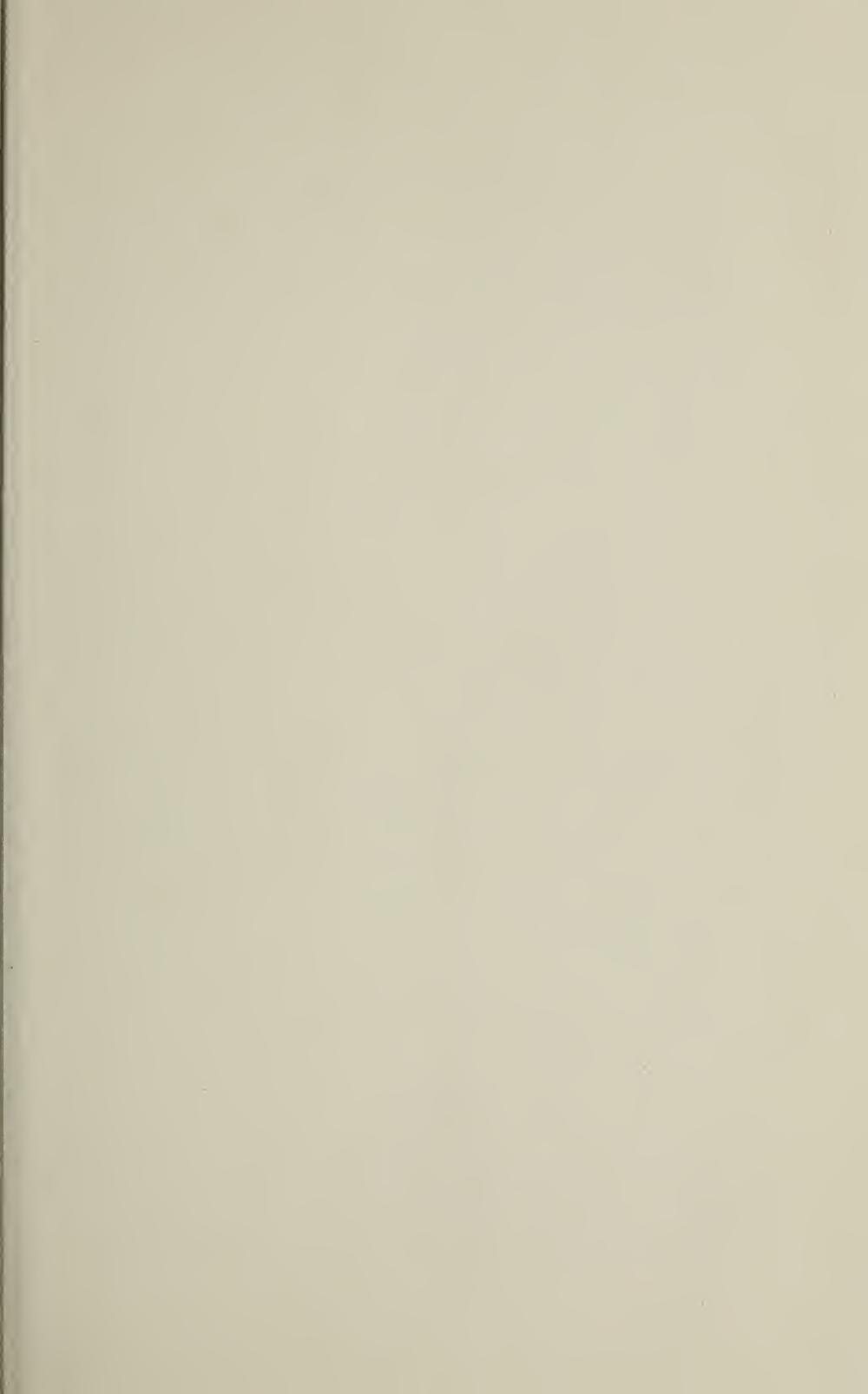
Care of Cemeteries .....	\$27.75
Election and Registration .....	54.99
Federal Projects .....	164.68
Town Garage .....	100.29
Soldiers' Burial .....	50.00
Old Age Assistance .....	1,172.78
Tax Collector .....	130.56
Town Hall .....	25.00
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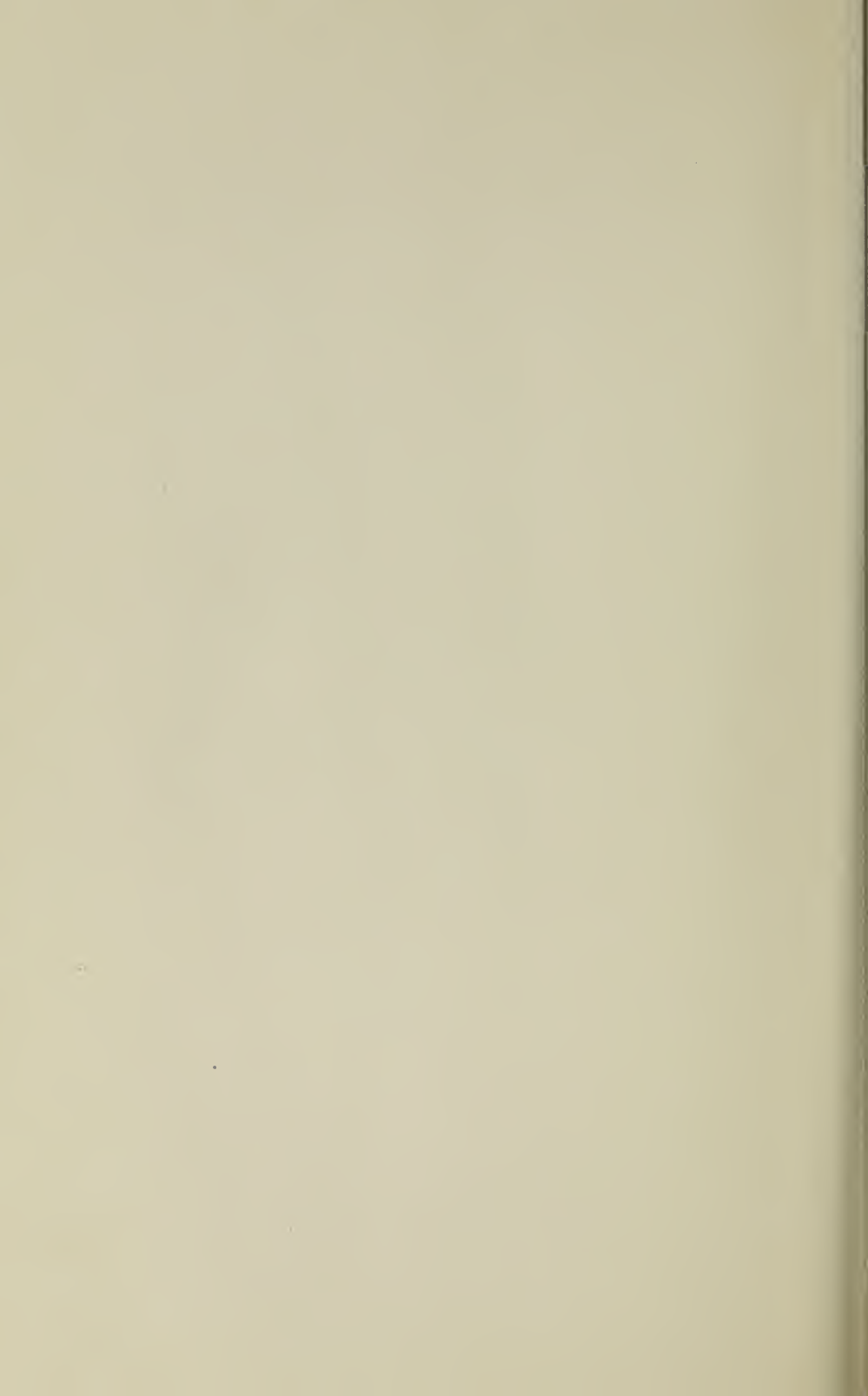
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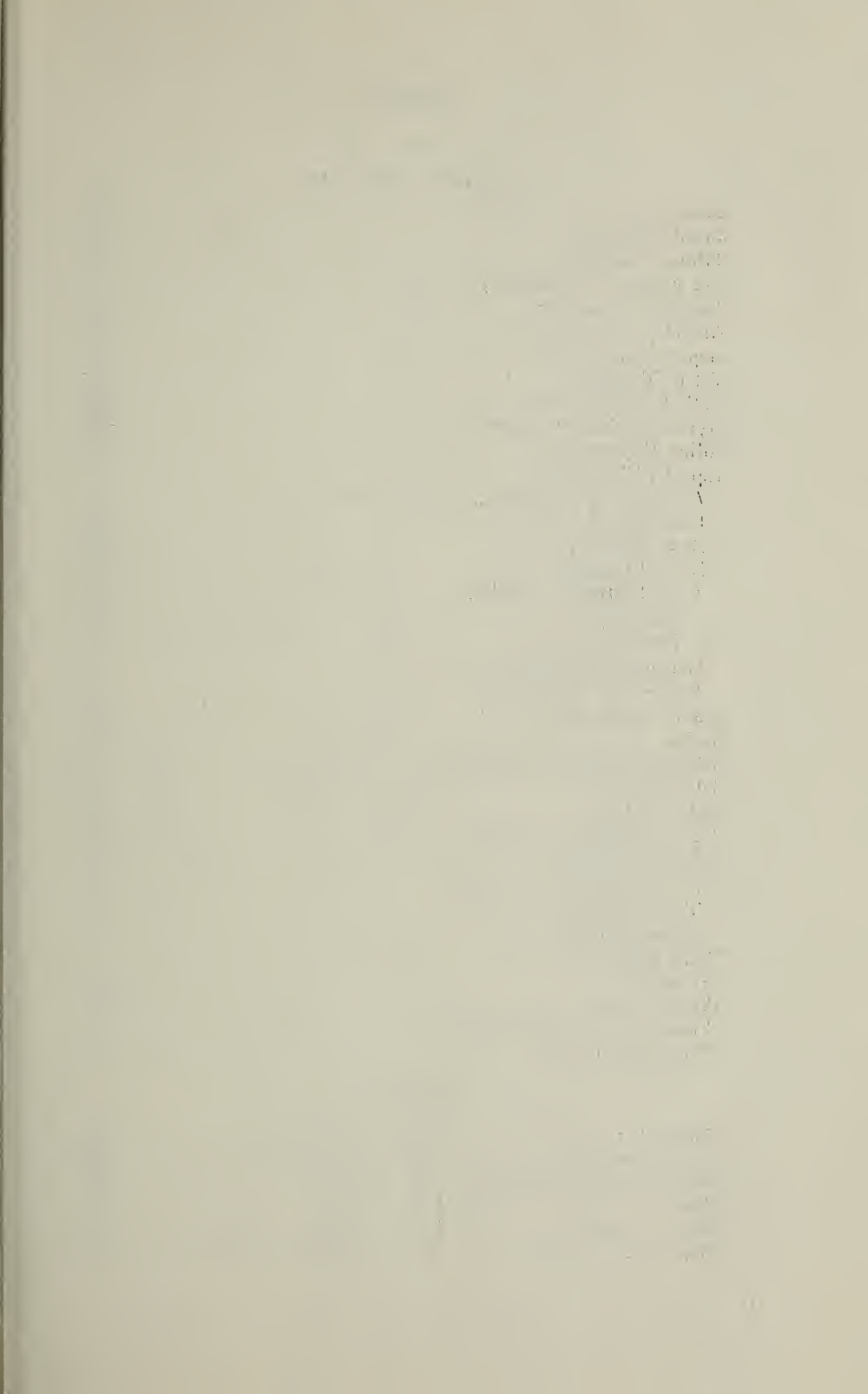












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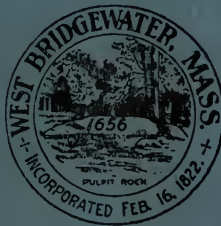
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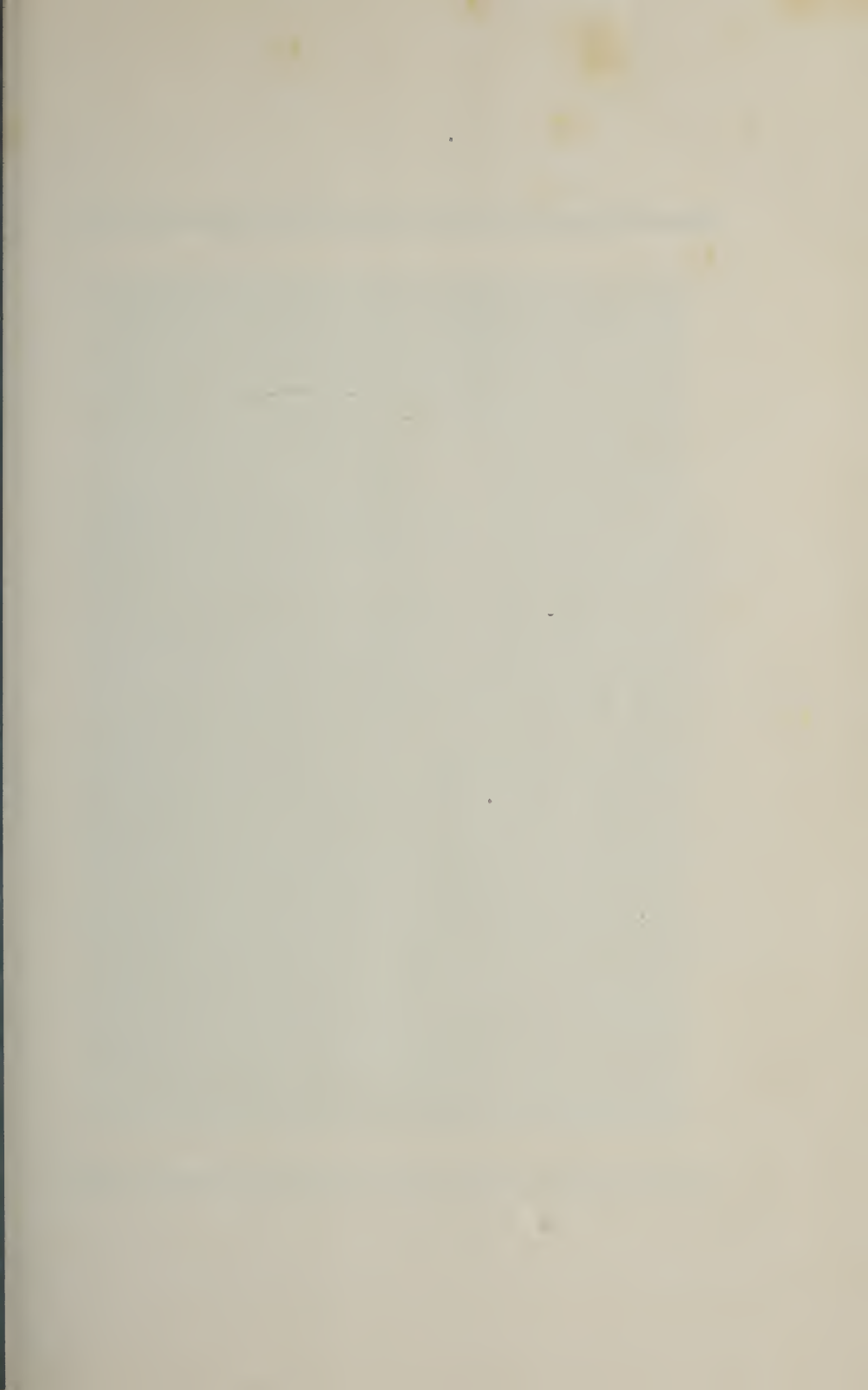


For the Year Ending December 31

1941

SANDERSON BROTHERS  
NORTH ABINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS





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### HOWARD BRADFORD WILBUR

Born March 27, 1874, died October 13, 1941

Born in West Bridgewater and lived all his life here. Attended the local schools, graduated from Howard High School in 1892. Studied Law in office of the late Judge George D. Alden for one year, after which he attended Boston University for four years. Was admitted to the Bar and with Dennis Shearing practiced Law for more than twenty years in Brockton. Was elected Moderator in West Bridgewater in 1899 and continued in that position with one year exception until his death. He always took a lively interest in Town affairs.

Mr. Wilbur was a member of St. George Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the Shedad Grotto, President of the local Parish Unitarian Church, and for several years was President of the Men's Club of the same church.

Well liked by all, always willing to assist those in distress — many times to his own cost — the Town will miss him.

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## HERVEY DUNHAM

Born September 23, 1853, died January 11, 1942

Born in Abington, Mr. Dunham lived in West Bridge-water for 35 years. At the time the charter was granted, 1910, to install a Water System, Mr. Dunham was elected a Water Commissioner and served as Chairman for thirty years until 1940 when he resigned.

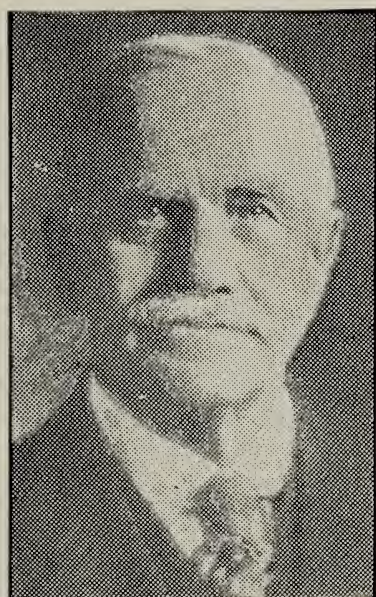
Faithful to his duties always in this position, as in all others in private enterprises as well as in Public affairs.

For 71 years an ardent member of the Y. M. C. A., affiliated with St. George Lodge, A. F. & A. M., American Order of Odd Fellows, Porter Congregational Church, Trustee for years and until his death of the Howard Seminary.

He served an unusual long life of public service.

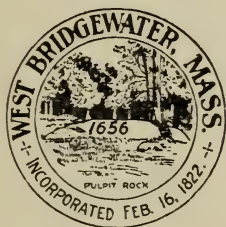
Of a kindly disposition, firm in the right as he saw it, he lived for service of all mankind.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Town Officers and Committees  
OF THE TOWN OF  
WEST BRIDGEWATER



For the Year Ending December 31

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SANDERSON BROTHERS  
NORTH ABINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS





## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1941

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### Moderator

Howard B. Wilbur

### Town Clerk

Herbert E. Bryant

### Town Accountant

Alice M. Dean

### Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Carl R. Pearson	1940	1943
James A. Hemenway	1939	1942
Joseph B. Porter	1941	1944

### Assessors

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Edwin H. Thayer	1939	1942
Robert G. Dean	1940	1943
William W. Phillips	1941	1944

### Treasurer

Orvis F. Kinney

### Tax Collector

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Walter C. Dunbar	1939	1942

### Trustees of Public Library

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ada M. Wood	1939	1942
Basil M. Soule	1939	1942
Louis P. Hayden	1940	1943
Martha B. Mason	1940	1943
Edith F. Howard	1941	1944
Daniel J. Lothrop	1941	1944

**School Committee**

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Harvey A. Scranton	1939	1942
Henry F. Woodward	1940	1943
Clare E. Parker	1940	1943
Roger F. Tracy	1941	1942
Lloyd P. Tyrer	1941	1944
Sherman H. Perkins	1941	1944

**Water Commissioners**

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Thomas B. Miles	1940	1943
George W. May	1939	1942
James C. Kinney	1941	1944

**Tree Warden**

Christopher Read

**Constables**

Edwin T. Gibson Chester R. Ripley

**Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark****By Appointment—Town Meeting**

Robert G. Dean Fred G. Chisholm  
 Chester R. Ripley James A. Hemenway  
 Albert A. Howard

**Field Drivers**

Alexander Beck John P. Burque Clinton P. Howard

**Fence Viewers**

Frank X. Burque Earl C. Gifford Robert G. Dean

**Finance Committee**

	<i>Appointive</i>	<i>District</i>
	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Represented</i>
Arthur E. Ryder	1942	West End
Walter D. Crowley	1942	South End
John C. Eldridge	1942	At Large
William W. Noyes	1943	North End
John E. Howard	1943	At Large
John M. Richards	1944	East End
Alfred T. Wells	1944	Center

## OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

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**Superintendent of Streets**

George G. Tucker

**Chief of Fire Department**

Edward L. Bourne

**Deputy Chief of Fire Department**

Alphonse M. Braga

**Chief of Police**

P. Douglas Eaton

**Superintendent of Moth Work**

Christopher Read

**Forest Fire Warden**

Edward L. Bourne

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Christopher Read

**Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering**

David Dailey

**Dog Officer**

Edwin T. Gibson

**Burial Agent**

Herbert E. Bryant

**Public Weighers**

Chester R. Ripley

George L. Perry

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

Alphonse M. Braga

Edwin T. Gibson

Levi T. Nute

Antone Sousa

Christopher Read

**Registrars of Voters**

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Francis Mahoney	1940	1943
John L. Sullivan	1941	1944
Paul Revere	1939	1942

Herbert E. Bryant, Clerk

**Appointments for Special Police Duty**

The requirements of the Civil Service Department of the State exact that when assigning men to special police duty, their names be forwarded to their department for approval.

Men assigned to duty and receiving such approval during the year on various occasions are as follows:

Francis J. Luddy	Carl L. Newman
Thomas F. Guinea	Edward G. Asack
Curtis W. Carrigan	Frank H. Keay
J. Russell Hemenway	Charles S. Grippen



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1941

A meeting duly warned of the inhabitants of West Bridgewater qualified to vote in election and Town affairs was held in the Town Hall at West Bridgewater, Monday, March 3, 1941, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and the following is a record of the doings of said meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard B. Wilbur, and after Article 1 of the Warrant had been read by the Town Clerk, that is to elect the following officers for the Town by ballot, the Moderator declared the meeting opened to elect the following: One Town Clerk for one year; one Moderator for one year; one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one member of Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, one School Committee for two years to fill vacancy, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, two Constables for one year.

The Election Officers were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk to the faithful performance of their duties and were as follows: Louis Hayden, Helen Ross, Arthur Ryder, Albert Snow, Dorothy Eckstrom, Daniel Otter, Margaret Brown, Francis Luddy, Elizabeth Smith, Lulu Gardner, Grace Keenan, Mary Pratt.

The ballot box was inspected by the police officer in charge and found to be empty. The register was then set at zero. One thousand five hundred ballots were delivered to the Moderator by the Town Clerk and receipts given for same.

At nine o'clock a.m. the Moderator declared the polls open for casting ballots. At eight o'clock p.m. the Moderator declared the polls closed.

The Moderator with the police officer in charge counted the unused ballots and announced that the number of ballots cast, 878, tallied with the count of votes from the check list, also with the dial numbers shown on the ballot box.

The ballots having been counted, sorted, and computed, as is by law required, the Moderator then declared the vote.

#### For Moderator

Howard B. Wilbur	676
Scattered Votes	4
Blanks	198

Howard B. Wilbur was declared elected.

#### For Selectmen

Clifford H. Carlson	125
Fred G. Chisholm	223
Walter E. Holyoke	37
Joseph B. Porter	295
Henry F. Woodward	185
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	12

Joseph B. Porter was declared elected.

#### For Town Clerk

Herbert E. Bryant	698
Scattered Votes	8
Blanks	172

Herbert E. Bryant was declared elected.

#### For Board of Public Welfare

Clifford H. Carlson	125
Fred G. Chisholm	223
Walter E. Holyoke	37
Joseph B. Porter	295

Henry F. Woodward	185
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	12

Joseph B. Porter was declared elected.

#### For Treasurer

Orvis F. Kinney	750
Scattered Votes	2
Blanks	126

Orvis F. Kinney was declared elected.

#### For Board of Assessors, 3 years

William W. Phillips	679
Scattered Votes	3
Blanks	196

William W. Phillips was declared elected.

#### For Two Members of School Committee, 3 years

Sherman H. Perkins	655
Lloyd P. Tyrer	663
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	437

Sherman H. Perkins was declared elected.

Lloyd P. Tyrer was declared elected.

#### For One Member of School Committee, 1 year

Roger F. Tracy	700
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	177

Roger F. Tracy was declared elected.

#### For Trustees of Public Library, 3 years

Edith F. Howard	688
Daniel J. Lothrop	666
Scattered Votes	2
Blanks	400

Edith F. Howard was declared elected.

Daniel J. Lothrop was declared elected

**For Water Commissioner, 3 years**

Frank J. M. Dufault	103
James C. Kinney	414
William W. Noyes	333
Blanks	28

James C. Kinney was declared elected.

**For Tree Warden, 1 year**

Christopher Read	733
Scattered	2
Blanks	143

Christopher Read was declared elected.

**For Constables, 1 year**

Frank J. M. Dufault	198
Chester R. Ripley	722
Edwin F. Gibson	622
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	213

Chester R. Ripley was declared elected.

Edwin F. Gibson was declared elected.

After the result of the election was announced the Moderator swore the Town Clerk, Herbert E. Bryant, to the faithful performance of his office, and declared the meeting adjourned until March 10, 1941.

Town Officers sworn into office:

Moderator, Howard B. Wilbur, March 4, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Selectmen, Joseph B. Porter, March 4, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Board of Public Welfare, Joseph B. Porter, March 4, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Committee, Roger F. Tracy, March 5, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Constable, Chester R. Ripley, March 4, 1941, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Treasurer, Orvis F. Kinney, March 4, 1941, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Constable, Edwin T. Gibson, March 5, 1941, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Committee, Sherman H. Perkins, March 5, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Assessor, William W. Phillips, March 6, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Committee, Lloyd P. Tyrer, March 6, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Water Commissioner, James C. Kinney, March 6, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Trustee of Public Library, Edith F. Howard, March 6, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Physician, Dr. A. O. Belmore, March 12, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Superintendent of Streets, George G. Tucker, March 17, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Chief of Fire Department, Edward L. Bourne, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Forest Fire Warden, Edward L. Bourne, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Christopher Read, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Tree Warden, Christopher Read, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Moth Superintendent, Christopher Read, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Inspector of Slaughtering and Animals, David Dailey, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Town Accountant, Alice M. Dean, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.



Dog Officer, Edwin T. Gibson, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Board of Registrars, John L. Sullivan, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Burial Agent, Herbert E. Bryant, March 24, 1941 by Howard B. Wilbur, Moderator.

Public Weigher, Chester R. Ripley, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Public Weigher, George L. Perry, March 24, 1941 by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

### ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1941

Following a vote taken at Annual Town Meeting held March 3, 1941, the adjourned meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard B. Wilbur. The reading of the articles in the warrant was upon vote waived.

#### Article 2.

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

The following named were by vote of meeting chosen:

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—Robert G. Dean, Fred G. Chisholm, James A. Hemenway, Albert A. Howard, Chester R. Ripley.

Field Drivers—Clinton P. Howard, Alexander Beck, John P. Burque.

Fence Viewers—Earl C. Gifford, Frank X. Burque, Robert G. Dean.

#### Article 3.

To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Moved and carried that the reports be accepted.

## Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 5.

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

The following appropriations were upon motion and vote carried.

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 APPROPRIATIONS

Moderator	\$25.00
Selectmen's Department	800.00
Accountant's Department	675.00
Treasurer's Department	1,300.00
Collector's Department	2,015.00
Assessors' Department	1,800.00
Other Finance Officers	25.00
Town Clerk's Department	620.00
Election and Registration	408.00
Law	25.00
Town Hall and Offices	3,250.00
Police Department	2,265.00
Dog Officer	35.00
Fire Department	2,450.00
Hydrants	1,240.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Moth Suppression	2,500.00
Tree Warden's Department	700.00

Health and Sanitation	1,275.00
Inspection of Animals	100.00
Inspection of Slaughtering	100.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance	1,949.33
Highway Department	10,000.00
Road Machinery Account	1,200.00
Snow Removal	1,000.00
Street Lights	3,657.72
Public Welfare Administration	525.00
Public Welfare	1,200.00
Dependent Children Administration	32.00
Dependent Children	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance Administration	345.00
Old Age Assistance	15,220.00
State Aid	100.00
Soldier's Relief	1,150.00
Military Aid	700.00
Soldiers Burial	100.00
Library	1,240.00
School Department	49,975.00
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags and Parks	550.00
Memorial and Armistice Days Observance	200.00
Printing and Distributing Town Reports	480.35
Fire Insurance	519.92
Liability Insurance	945.22
Reserve Fund, from Overlay Surplus	2,100.00
Interest	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service	300.00
Finance Committee	15.00
Preserving Records	50.00
Federal Projects Account	7,076.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Water Department Maintenance (Water Department Revenue)	11,000.00
Water Department Interest and Bonds (Water Department Revenue)	4,117.60
Chap. 70, Highway Maintenance	1,000.00
Improvements of Streets	3,000.00

Street Light, Wall Street	18.00
Street Lights:	
High and Crescent	
High and Friend	36.00
Street Lights, Prospect St.	54.00
Heating Plant, Sunset Ave. School	3,500.00
Land Damage, Crescent St., Pd. to County	775.00
Land Damage, Crescent St., Pd. to Owners	345.48
State-aided Vocational Training	650.00
Christmas Decorations	125.00
To Cover Abatements	17.03
To Reduce Tax Rate, a sum not to exceed	10,000.00

Moved: that the sum of Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and Thirty-five Cents (\$480.35) be raised and appropriated to pay for printing and distributing of the 1940 Town Report and Finance Committee pamphlets.

Article was carried.

Moved: That the sum of \$2100.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund from the Overlay Surplus, \$100.00 of this amount to be held for the expense of the Town Defense Committee, and not to be transferred for other purposes.

Article was carried.

Moved to appropriate from Water Revenue the sum of \$1,100.00 for Water Department Maintenance.

Article was carried.

Moved to appropriate from Water Revenue the sum of \$4,117.60 for Water Department Bonds, Notes, and Interest.

Article was carried.

#### Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

Moved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,000.00 to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

Motion was carried.

#### Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Streets; and said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Moved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the improvement of Streets; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; Town share to be not over one-fourth total amount.

The motion was carried.

#### Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

On motion the vote was carried.

#### Article 9.

To see if the Town will install one street light on South Elm Street at a point near MacDonald Brook, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

On vote, the article was passed.



## Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of at least two Street Lights on Wall Street, or take any other action relative thereto. (By request, and petition.)

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18.00 to install one light on Wall Street. Carried.

## Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to install three (3) street lights in Cochesett at the following places: Crescent Street opposite High Street, High Street opposite Friend, and the corner of High and Church Streets.

Moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36.00 for the installation of two lights, one at the corner of High and Crescent Streets; and the other at the corner of High and Friend Streets. Motion carried.

## Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to install four (4) street lights on Prospect Street, raise and appropriate money for the same.

Moved and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54.00 for the installation of three (3) Street Lights on Prospect Street. Carried.

## Article 13.

To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Sections 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

Moved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose as Town Director Clif-

ford Carlson, as provided in Sections 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

Motion was carried.

#### Article 14.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

On motion this article was carried in the amount of \$1,949.33.

#### Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

On motion and vote the article was carried.

#### Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install septic tank, two flush bowls and one lavatory in the Public Library.

Upon vote this article was passed.

#### Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

On vote this article was carried.

#### Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Federal Projects Expenses.

On vote this article was carried in the amount of \$7,076.00.

## Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$3,500.00 to install a modern, adequate heating plant in the Sunset Avenue School.

Carried.

## Article 20.

To see what action the Town will take upon the petition of the Matfield Women's Club in regard to sale of Town land upon which the building now owned by them is located. Building was formerly known as the portable school building.

Moved: That the Town take favorable action upon the petition of the Matfield Women's Club in regard to sale of Town land upon which the building now owned by them is located. Building formerly known as the portable school building.

Moved to amend Article 20 to read:

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Matfield Women's Club, Incorporated, to lease the land on which the building they now own stands, known as the portable school, at the present rate, until such time as the land is needed for larger Matfield School facilities.

Amended by Curtis Carrigan that land be leased if School Committee agrees.

Moved: That the Article be tabled and referred to the Town Counsel.

Carried.

## Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

Upon motion, the article was carried.

## Article 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 to be paid to the County. The County having paid the total amount, \$1,550.00, direct, one-half the amount is being debited against the Town, as land damage on Crescent Street.

Upon motion, this article was carried.

## Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345.48 for land damage on Crescent Street. To be paid direct to the property owners.

Upon motion, this article was carried.

## Article 24.

To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$100.00 for perpetual care of Lot No. 12 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, known as the Shipman half of such lot.

Moved: That the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Fund of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of Lot No. 12 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, known as the Shipman half of such lot.

Upon vote, the article was carried.

## Article 25.

That the Town authorize the School Committee to establish and maintain State-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws and Acts amendatory thereto, or dependent thereon, and further raise and appropriate the amount of \$650.00 therefor.

Upon motion and vote the article was carried.

## Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for Christmas decorations by illumi-

nation at the Monument, and appoint a committee of three for the same.

Moved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for Christmas decorations by illumination at the Monument and appoint a committee of three for the same.

Upon vote, the motion was carried.

#### Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

Upon motion, it was voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

#### Article 28.

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee of five citizens to consider the advisability of the construction of a Fire and Police Station and report their findings at a Special Town Meeting to be called on or before July 1st, 1941.

Moved: That the Town appoint a Committee of five citizens to consider the advisability of the construction of a Fire and Police Station and report their findings at a Special Town Meeting to be called on or before July 1st, 1941.

The motion was carried that the Moderator appoint the committee of five citizens.

#### Article 29.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer into Water Surplus Revenue Account the balance of \$76.86 remaining in the 1940 balance for 6-inch pipe.

Upon motion, the article was carried.



## Article 30.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1940 into Surplus Revenue Account: Fire Department, \$50.00; North Elm Street, \$43.92; Sidewalk on Matfield Street, \$116.93; River Street, \$44.58; Sewing Project, \$41.00; Highway Beautification, \$36.05; Municipal Unemployment, \$2.40; Baseball Equipment, \$7.37; New Town Offices, \$1,103.62. Total, \$1,445.87.

Upon motion article was carried.

## Article 31.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17.03 to cover abatements as follows: 1933—\$5.44; 1934—\$5.44; 1935—\$5.22; 1936—\$ .93. .

Upon motion, article was carried.

## Article 32.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn. Carried.

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

July 24, 1941

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P. M. by Moderator Howard B. Wilbur. The Warrant was read by Town Clerk H. E. Bryant and the Moderator declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

## Article 1.

To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 10, 1941 on the matter of a new Fire and Police Station and to take action thereon.

Mr. Alfred Wells, Chairman of the Committee, made the following report:

*Report of the Special Committee*

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1941, it was voted, in accordance with Article 28 of the Warrant to appoint a Committee of five Citizens to consider the advisability of constructing a Fire and Police Station.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on March 18, 1941:

Fire Chief Edward L. Bourne  
Louis P. Hayden  
Henry Davenport  
Ralph S. Frellick  
Alfred T. Wells

The Committee organized with Alfred Wells as Chairman and Ralph Frellick as Secretary. We have held several meetings at which we have attempted to thoroughly discuss and study all possible questions involved in the construction of a building as suggested in the Article.

The questions considered include the following:

- A. The need for such a building.
- B. The proper time to build.
- C. The type of construction advisable.
- D. The amount that should be spent.
- E. The method to be used in financing.
- F. The location of the building.

The Committee submit the following report and recommendations:

1. We believe that West Bridgewater should construct a new Fire Station. The present location is a most unsatisfactory one and presents constant hazards because of the "blind" approach on Route 28—Main Street.
2. Because of the danger incurred and the difficulty in getting the apparatus out of the building now used as a Station should either or both the Town Hall and other buildings adjoining the Station and adjacent to the driveway be fired. It would seem

advisable to construct a building large enough to provide a room, or rooms, for Police Department headquarters, if needed at some future date.

3. We recommend that this building be constructed in 1942, provided that:
  - a. The Budget Committee will consider this extra expenditure and will consequently reduce to a minimum all requests for special appropriations. Such action will prevent further increase in taxes.
  - b. The national emergency and defense measures, or local emergency or necessary expenditures do not add too much to our appropriations for the year.
4. We recommend a building 45 feet wide by 60 feet long, to be of mill construction, and built of cement blocks faced with brick. Inside partitions would be wooden studs with steel lathes and rough plaster finish. The ceiling would also be steel lath and plaster finish. We believe that a one-story building of this type will answer all demands for many years. A tentative set of plans has been drawn and we feel confident that our recommendations will satisfy the requirements. These plans call for a room large enough for three pieces of apparatus. At the rear of this apparatus room there would be hose tower, a meeting room and kitchen, a toilet, a boiler room and two lockers.
5. We recommend that an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 be set as the amount to be appropriated, if or when such construction is decided upon. We also recommend that such an expenditure should be financed by the issue of notes, payable in equal installments over a five-year period.
6. We recommend that when such a building is constructed the work shall all be done by private contractors.

7. The only place considered as suitable for the location of a fire station is the Town lot on Main Street, north of the Town Hall.

These recommendations represent the unanimous vote of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. WELLS, Chairman,  
RALPH S. FRELLICK, Secretary,  
LOUIS P. HAYDEN,  
HENRY O. DAVENPORT,  
EDWARD L. BOURNE.

Moved: That the report of the Committee be accepted, and upon vote was so accepted and committee continued.

#### Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to adopt By-Laws, as approved by the State, to legalize local traffic regulations.

Upon vote carried.

#### Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to install one Street Light on North Elm Street on Fourth Pole North of Buttonwood Avenue and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Moved: That the light be installed and the sum of Nine Dollars (\$9.00) be appropriated.

Upon vote after the required number of voters were rounded up, the motion was seconded and carried.

On motion the Meeting was dissolved.

H. E. BRYANT,  
*Town Clerk.*

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS IN WEST BRIDGEWATER, 1941

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
February		
1	Stillborn	
17	Nan Ethelle Turner	Elgin A. and Ethel C. Peterson
June		
20	Bruce Ward Veronesi	Dante and Cora Fongellaz
July		
1	Shirley Mae Silveria	John and Mary C. Reardon
September		
26	Susan Rae Nickerson	Albert Everett and Helen Frances Hayden
26	————— Hanson	Benjamin and Harriett Leneia Anderson
November		
10	Alice Diane Hayward	Harry E. and Ruth L. Beals
December		
10	Betty Anna Benson	Bror Algot and Ellen M. Gullbrantz
31	Meredith Jane Finch	James C. and Lelia M. Holyoke

### BIRTHS ELSEWHERE TO WEST BRIDGEWATER PARENTS, 1941

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
January		
5	Peter Herbert Harris	Irving R. and Muriel E. Rolfe
16	James Alexander Ross	Gordon K. and Helen C. Grady
21	Walter Ernest MacLeod	Ira M. and Doris A. Whitcomb
February		
2	Richard Bourne Tinkham	Richard W. and Carolyn L. Bourne
5	Annette Marie Braga	Joseph Joquin and Mary Ann Roque
6	David Langdon Hardenbrook	Kenneth L. and Ruth V. Hunter
19	David Sears Johnson	Carl A. and Janiece M. Sears
20	Jimmy Clark Ames	James A. and Anna E. Powell
23	Richard Gustave Johnson	Gustave A. and Josephine F. Wiggins
March		
4	Dorna Lee Edson	Minot A. and Arlene L. Phillips
10	Michael Arnold Smith	Donald P. and Svea A. Lindquist
14	Doris Ingrid Broman	Warren K. and Julia A. Cannon
16	Stillborn	
April		
11	John Kidston Cheever	Frank A. and Mildred O. Kidston
18	Albert Nelson Sears	Albert N. and Beulah F. Griffen
21	Arthur Everett Clark	Everett C. and Miriam E. Burgess



<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<b>May</b>		
7	Ruth Emily Tartaglia	Carl and Elsie May Cooney
<b>June</b>		
2	Frances Barbara Skelton	William A. and Mary Elizabeth Savory
6	Joyce Marie Chaves	Joseph and Mary Sousa
<b>July</b>		
2	Cathryn Ann Parry	Herman O. and Helen M. Mack
17	Edward Charles DeMolles	Anthony F. and Julia M. Alksninis
23	Sherrol Ann Snell	Horace R. and Marion F. Kinney
24	Theodore William Perry	George L. and Ruth A. Messier
26	David Philip Erbeck	Andrew P. and Claire Louis Wilbur
<b>August</b>		
8	Rhoda Carlson	Roy E. and Dorothy F. Burroughs
17	Arthur Joseph Daley	Robert Joseph and Gertrude A. Campbell
<b>September</b>		
6	Sandra Jeanne Pope	Sanford E. and Rose A. Curran
8	Ruth Williams Staples	Richard W. and Hildur V. Lindquist
9	Roberta Jane Beck	Alexander and Florence C. Rumsey
30	Philip Eugene Baker	Philip E. and Frances M. Fozzy
<b>October</b>		
6	Edward George Asack	Edward G. and Louis M. Roberts
14	Sandra Mae Wilbur	Roland H. and Arlene A. Blatchford
15	Ronald Burton Sawyer	Burton C. and Mildred A. Nelson
16	Howard Glanson Anderson	Howard A. and Jessie M. Place
21	Paul Edward Carlson	Clifford H. and Mae Irene Nelson
25	———— Garnett	Norman A. and Daisy G. Lee
26	Joy Windsor Fidler	Lawrence L. and Helen Louise Edwards
27	Gail Laurene Ensher	Charles and Laurene McNally
<b>November</b>		
2	Carl Louis Haberland	William F. and Martha Mutz
15	Kenneth Howard Beach	Harvey E. and Doris J. Hammarbeig
<b>December</b>		
10	Stillborn	
16	Deborah Ruth Manchester	Clyde Henry and Ruth Estella Heapfy
20	Carl Everett Anderson	Loring B. and Ruth E. Keith
29	Winston Brown Alger	Mason W. and Dorothy V. Turner
29	Isabelle Marian North	Wilfred W. and Lucille M. Coleman

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<b>August</b>		
23	Marcia Hayward Keith	Robert D. and Phyllis Logue

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## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1941

- Jan. 18 Clinton P. Howard of West Bridgewater and Irma Myrtle Place of Middleboro at Middleboro, by Rev. Arthur G. Cummings.
- Feb. 15 Andrew Paul Ticchi of Bridgewater and Mary Alice Covezoli of West Bridgewater, at Bridgewater, by Rev. Cornelius P. Murray.
- Feb. 26 Allie L. Ferranti of West Bridgewater and Catherine Twoomey of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Joseph D. Howes.
- Mar. 1 Edward Werner Koskella of Sagamore and Ardelle Meredith Leonard of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by J. Cald Justice, Clergyman.
- Mar. 30 Burton C. Sawyer of Benard, Maine and Mildred Alice Nelson of West Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Warren Goddard.
- Apr. 6 Lawrence Morrison of Brockton, and Evelyn W. Cunningham of West Bridgewater, by Rev. Lester Kellie.
- Apr. 13 John Edward Carlson of Quincy and Albertina Pearson of Hingham, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Apr. 14 Arthur William Dunn of West Birdgewater and Mary Alma T. Mennino of Avon, at Avon, by Rev. William J. Foley.
- Apr. 19 Charles Warren Gardner of West Bridgewater and Charlotte Frances Edwards of Arlington, at Arlington, by Rev. George H. Wood.
- Apr. 27 Foster Bates of Whitman and Ethel C. Pierce of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Merrille E. Osborne.

- May 10 Cornelius W. Murphy of Norfolk and Florence Ruth Hayden of West Bridgewater, at Norfolk, by Rev. H. Wesley Bacon.
- May 11 Gordan Robert Forsberg of Brockton and Beatrice Lillian Seaberg of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Harry S. Carlson.
- May 29 Herbert Clayton Haskins of Medford and Katherine Winifred Cowen of Medford, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- May 29 Edward Francis Erickson of West Bridgewater and Laura Esther Payson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- May 29 William Lawrence Sherrin of Taunton and Dorothy Helen Piver of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- May 29 Ernest W. Nute of West Bridgewater and Bernice L. Warren of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Bryan F. Archibald.
- June 7 Ernest Julian Johnson of Jackson Heights, New York, and Esther Victoria Peterson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- June 14 Edward Clayton Peach of Foxboro and Irene Louise Truax of Foxboro, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- June 14 Thurston Elmo VanDyke of Brockton and Barbara Lillian Tirrell of Brockton, at West Bridgewater by Rev. F. Alvin Cheever.
- June 22 Raymond Joseph Wager of Bridgewater and Evelyn Maria Barros of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.

- June 28 John Charles Doherty of Hingham and Geraldine Claudia Bowes of Quincy, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- June 29 Albert B. Cook of West Bridgewater and Thelma G. Johnson of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- June 29 Lester A. Blodgett of Brockton and Phyllis Mae Trow of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Bryan F. Archibald.
- July 3 Gilbert Silveira of Taunton and Madeline Frances Hudson of West Bridgewater, at Taunton, by Rev. John Linton Dwyer.
- July 6 Tytus T. Burba of West Bridgewater and Stanislava Mickevich of Boston, at Boston, by Rev. Francis A. Virmanekis.
- July 12 Kenneth Lawrence Bileadeau of West Bridgewater and Muriel Bates of Whitman, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- July 23 Harold Irving Wilcox of West Bridgewater and Margaret Eleanor Howarth of Boston, at Cambridge, by Rev. Henry H. Reeves.
- July 25 Parker Woodrow Blaisdell of Brockton and Florence Beatrice Richmond of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- July 27 Rolfe Melzar Hight of Dover and Lillian Wayne Cloudman of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Lester W. Kellie.
- Aug. 2 Charles Henry Hollis of Randolph and Meredith Alice Walker of Easton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Aug. 7 Robert E. Smart of Brockton and Ruth I. Willis of West Bridgewater at Brockton, by Rev. J. J. O'Connor.

- Aug. 9 James James Souza of Bridgewater and Hilda Rose Rezendes of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Aug. 15 Charles E. Burroughs of West Bridgewater and Gladys Morton of East Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Maruin W. Topping.
- Aug. 16 Christopher Tunnard of Cambridge and Eunice May O'Donnell of West Bridgewater, at Boston, by Rev. Horace F. Westwood.
- Aug. 16 Gordon L. Kirkland of Troy, New York, and Theodora Hardenbrook of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Aug. 29 Joseph Caton Piver of West Bridgewater and Adele Barros of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Felix E. Norbut.
- Aug. 30 Orrin E. Stimson of Brockton and Gertrude M. Lewis of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Aug. 30 Sumner H. Ohlson of West Bridgewater and Mildred R. Howe of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Axel Bergstede.
- Aug. 30 Joseph Thomas Amaral of Bridgewater and Theresa Anne Brown of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Aug. 30 Kenneth F. Schuhle of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Evelyn W. Seaberg of Brooklyn, N. Y., at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Harry S. Carlson.
- Sept. 6 John Layton Hayward of West Bridgewater and Frances Elizabeth Spellacy of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Oscar B. Anderson.
- Sept. 6 Harold Ernst Peterson of Brockton, and Dorris Emilia Anderson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Oscar B. Anderson.



- Sept. 7 Charles Vernon Rubin of West Bridgewater and Sylvia Dean Lerner of Worcester, at Worcester, by Levi A. Olan, Rabbi.
- Sept. 19 Harold L. Cobbett of Brockton and Alice Frazier Lyon of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by J. Albert Sullivan, Justice of Peace.
- Sept. 19 Harold Lundin Bergstrom of West Bridgewater and Caryl Wheaton of East Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Carlton Easton.
- Sept. 20 Philip Arne Lund of Stoughton and Doris Marie Edmonston of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Sept. 20 Howard Lyle Farnum of West Bridgewater and Doris Marian Cunningham of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Alvin Cheever.
- Sept. 21 Vito Pocius of West Bridgewater and Margaret Frances Jones of Brockton, at Duxbury, by Rev. Gordon L. King.
- Sept. 24 Robert Henry Redmann of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Jennings of Holbrook, at Brockton, by Rev. Melville E. Osborne.
- Sept. 28 Howard Francis Alger of West Bridgewater and Blanche Mignault of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froberg.
- Oct. 11 John Arthur Verity of West Bridgewater and Betty Jean Welch of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Lester W. Kellie.
- Oct. 12 Leonard Arold Winberg of West Bridgewater and Eleanor Carter of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. David B. Matthews.
- Oct. 17 Rene M. Nothelfer of Mattapan and Helen C. Redmann of West Bridgewater, at Somerville, by Rev. Horace F. Westwood.

- Oct. 17 Arthur Peters of West Bridgewater and Jeannet Angie of Rockland, at Rockland, by Rev. Raymond W. MacDonald.
- Oct. 19 Walter Raymond Olson of Brockton and Eleanor Josephine Swanson of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Nov. 20 Allen Frank Walker of Taunton and Laura Ernestine Howe of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Nov. 20 Robert E. Willis of Hartford, Conn., and Ira Nola McFarlan of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Nov. 29 Leroy Joseph Keniston of West Bridgewater and Florence Evangeline Salvador of West Bridgewater, at Boston, by Samuel G. Thorner, Justice of the Peace.
- Dec. 4 John C. Eldridge of West Bridgewater and Eleanor L. McMorrovv of Rockland, at Rockland, by Rev. Kenneth W. Beatty.
- Dec. 7 Andrew Fusco of Quincy and Esther Swanson of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Dec. 24 Charles Lorenzo Madan of West Bridgewater and Edna Wuanita McLeod of Mansfield, at Mansfield, by Rev. Lester S. Myers.
- Dec. 17 John D. Gonsalves of West Bridgewater and Edna Eastman of Granby, at South Hadley, by Margaret Sullivan, Justice of the Peace.
- Dec. 25 Weston Joseph Andre of West Bridgewater and Esther Frances Hunter of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.

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## DEATHS RECORDED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER, 1941

<i>Date</i>	<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>Cause</i>
January				
4 Edward Billington	65	10	19	Coronary Thrombosis
12 Anne M. Rooslet	3	10	24	Asphyxiation by inhalation of gases of combustion from oil stove explosion
12 John R. Rooslet	1	5	1	Asphyxiation by inhalation of gases of combustion from exploding oil stove
12 Eino E. Rooslet	32	2	14	Asphyxiation by inhalation of gases of combustion from oil stove explosion
				1-L-3° Burns of Body
21 Harry R. Knight	62	2	17	Hypertensive Heart Disease
February				
1 Stillborn	—	—	—	
5 Emelia (Ness) Tillgren	49	9	12	Bronchopneumonia (terminal), Acute Gangrenous Appendicitis (ruptured with diffused peritonitis)
13 William McAnough	70	3	26	Decubitus, Cerebral Hemorrhage, Arteriosclerosis
13 Maud M. F. S. Read	71	1	11	Pulmonary Embolism
21 Andrew P. Bisemore	78	3	26	Lobar Pneumonia, Coronary Sclerosis
March				
8 Ida M. Alger	68	11	9	Arteriosclerosis, Heart Disease
16 Stillborn	—	—	—	
23 Nan Turner	—	1	6	Meningitis
30 John Emil Carlson	64	5	10	Hypertension, Generalized Arteriosclerosis
31 Rose M. Isabel	44	—	—	Metastatic Cancer of Anterior Vaginal Wall
April				
23 Grace (Darling) Holmes	78	3	13	Paralysis Agitans
25 Edward McCormick	64	11	21	Compound fractured skull, lacerated brain, compound fractured leg, fractured ribs
29 Merle S. Hurley	23	—	—	Agranulocytosis
May				
5 Howard L. Chadwick	77	4	21	Diabetes, Coronary Thrombosis
10 Mary Elizabeth (Roberts) Eaton	70	8	14	Cerebral Hemorrhage
13 Ellen T. Luddy	70	9	19	Pulmonary Embolus
20 Alonzo Pope	60	4	21	Coronary Occlusion
26 Floyd Pearl	46	1	24	Congenital Double Athetosis
31 Calvin E. Godfrey	67	1	7	Coronary Thrombosis

<i>Date</i>	<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>Cause</i>
June				
7 Walter E. Litchfield, Jr.	21	2	—	Intestinal Obstruction
19 Adeline Chaves Cavacas	33	1	23	Carcinoma of Stomach with Metastases
21 Horace S. Stockwell	76	5	7	Myocarditis with Edema (general passive congestion)
30 Marcus Edward Jones	82	0	22	Coronary Thrombosis
30 Albert H. Hutson	68	5	17	Pneumonia Bronchial
August				
2 Joseph Freitas	44	—	—	Heart Disease, presumably Coronary Thrombosis
18 Howard W. Nickerson	69	7	14	Coronary Thrombosis
September				
10 Edith F. Howard	86	0	25	Cerebral Hemorrhage
11 Betsy H. Macomber	86	8	23	Myocarditis
27 Ralph D. Forbes	71	—	6	Carcinomatosis
October				
3 Bessie L. (Bates) Wilbur	57	8	20	Cancer of Ileum with Acute Intestinal Obstruction
13 Howard B. Wilbur	67	6	16	Angina Pectoris
15 Frederick Radigan	63	—	—	Heart Disease, presumably Coronary Thrombosis
27 Stillborn	—	—	—	
November				
11 Annie Louise Bearce	81	6	10	Chronic Myocarditis
19 Mary L. (Gardner) Thompson	84	2	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
December				
3 Herbert W. Alger	61	2	7	Chronic Myocarditis with Fibrillation
10 Stillborn	—	—	—	
18 Ellen L. Bradford	87	8	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
19 Ralph E. Piver	14	5	24	Diffuse Peritonitis, undetermined cause
30 Clinton Gammons	73	—	—	Cancer of Oesophagus
31 Maude A. Washburn	67	—	—	Presumably Coronary Thrombosis, found dead in bed

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31 Nellie O. Washburn	81	—	5	Senile Atrophy of Brain
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ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 46 OF THE GENERAL  
LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth giving the street and number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in the city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6. Parents, within FORTY DAYS after the birth of a child, and every householder within FORTY DAYS after a birth in his house, SHALL cause notice thereof to be given to the CLERK of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3, shall, so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. A parent, or other person who, by section 6, is required to give, or cause to be given notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for TEN DAYS after the time limit therefor, shall forfeit not more than five dollars, for each offence.

Sec. 24. The Town Clerk shall furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.



## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1941

Male	259 @	\$2.00	\$518.00
Female	39 @	5.00	195.00
Spayed Female	89 @	2.00	178.00
Kennel	2 @	25.00	50.00
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	689		\$941.00
Less Clerk's Fees	689 @	.20	137.80
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Paid During Year to County Treasurer			\$803.20

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## FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1941

Resident Fishing Licenses	61 @	\$2.00	\$122.00
Resident Hunting Licenses	71 @	2.00	142.00
Resident Sporting Licenses	23 @	3.25	74.75
Resident Female or Minor Fishing Licenses	20 @	1.25	25.00
Resident Minor Trapping Licenses	7 @	2.25	15.75
Resident Trapping Licenses	11 @	5.25	57.75
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	193		\$437.25
Less Clerk's Fees	193 @	\$ .25	48.25
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			\$389.00
Resident Sporting Licenses Free	5 Free		
Duplicate Licenses	1 @	\$ .50	.50
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Whole Number Issued	199		
Paid to Fish and Game, Division			\$389.50

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## LIST OF JURORS APPROVED JULY 1, 1941

<i>Name</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Anderson, Elmer L.,	218 East St.	Farmer
Asack, Edward G.,	166 South St.	Turkey Farmer
Braga, Alphonse M.,	18 Central Square	Mechanic
Brooks, Carlton H.,	107 North Main	Foreman
Caswell, Merrill L.,	381 East	Mechanic
Charnock, Lester J.,	210 South	Mgr. Shoe Store
Cheyunski, Felix,	763 West Center	Dairyman
Chisholm, Fred G.,	46 Sunset Ave.	Truck Driver
Crowley, Daniel F.,	409 Walnut	Milkman
Davis, George N.,	384 North Elm	Shoeworker
Duperre, George J.,	9 Crescent	Foreman
Edson, Minot,	445 West Center	Carpenter
Eldridge, John C.,	205 West Center	Chemist
Ensher, Edward J.,	175 Lincoln	Farmer
Fongcallaz, Ernest A.,	486 West Center	Mechanic
Gifford, Earl C.,	62 Plain	Salesman
Harlow, Elmer,	10 Cross	Shoeworker
Hayden, Louis P.,	351 North Elm	Manufacturer
Hemenway, James A.,	35 Plain	Box Mfr.
Hollbrook, James R.,	34 High	Shoeworker
Johnson, Charles A.,	85 Crescent	Shoeworker
Jordan, Richard,	96 Prospect	Truck Driver
Kehoe, James A.,	173 West Center	Credit Mgr.
Leavitt, Winfield C.,	70 North Main	Bookkeeper
Lothrop, Leon A.,	62 Sunset Ave.	Printer
Ohlson, Sumner H.,	12 Crescent	Lineman
Parker, Clare E.,	17 Walnut	Adv. Manager
Payne, Carlton S.,	26 Arch St.	Credit Manager
Pearson, Carl R.,	148 West	Mason
Perkins, Faelton C.,	96 Howard	Manufacturer
Perkins, Sherman H.,	210 North Elm	Executive
Richards, Howard M.,	196 Howard	Clerk

Reed, Arthur L., 355 Matfield	Garage Prop.
Stiles, Harry S., 80 Howard	Caretaker, Seminary
Taylor, Howard, 395 Spring	Last Maker
Thomas, Francis E., 138 North Elm	Clerk
Tuck, Josiah, 192 Spring	Printer
Wilbur, Howard, 35 East Center	Lawyer
Willis, Lawrence, 21 Crescent	Engineer
Wood, Eben, 145 Spring	Poultryman
Young, Everett E., 35 Charles	Contractor

#### LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY, 1941

Perkins, Sherman H.

Richards, Howard M.

## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Total Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1941 .....	\$157,707.32
Appropriations at Special Town Meetings .....	None
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Total Appropriations made since 1940 rate was fixed .....	\$157,707.32
State Tax 1941 .....	9,075.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax 1941 .....	150.27
State Audit .....	221.56
County Tax 1941 .....	6,926.25
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment .....	1,949.33
Overlay .....	3,498.84
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Total .....	\$179,528.57
Less Total Estimated Receipts .....	61,356.65
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	\$118,171.92
Less Overestimates 1940 .....	9.62
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	\$118,162.30
Less Amounts Taken from Available Funds .....	12,100.00
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	\$106,062.30
Less Poll Taxes (1133 at \$2.00) .....	2,266.00
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxes on Property .....	\$103,796.30
Real Estate Taxes Assessed Subsequently....	50.56

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons, Partnerships, Corporations, etc., assessed:	
On Personal Estate Only .....	106
On Real Estate Only .....	934
On Both Personal and Real Estate.....	82
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Total Number Assessed .....	1,122
Number of Male Polls Assessed .....	1,133

## Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock in trade .....	\$10,250.00
Machinery .....	39,812.00
Live Stock .....	83,950.00
All Other Tangible Personal Property.....	271,484.00

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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate..... \$405,496.00

## Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land .....	665,309.00
Buildings .....	2,213,885.00

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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate..... \$2,879,194.00

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Total Value of All Assessed Property..... \$3,284,690.00

Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 ..... \$31.60

## Tax for all Purposes Spread as Follows:

On Polls .....	\$2,266.00
On Personal Estate .....	12,813.67
On Real Estate .....	90,982.53

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Total Taxes Assessed ..... \$106,062.20

Number of Horses Assessed ..... 73

Number of Cows Assessed ..... 893

Number of Yearlings, Bulls, Heifers As-  
sessed ..... 102

Number of Goats Assessed ..... 7

Number of Fowl Assessed ..... 24,999

Number of Dwellings Assessed ..... 892

Number of Acres of Land Assessed ..... 8,965

**EXEMPTED PROPERTY****Real Estate**

## Trustees of the Howard Funds in West

Bridgewater .....	\$107,250.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society .....	15,500.00
Baptist Society .....	6,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Society .....	8,325.00



Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston .....	24,100.00
Sunset Avenue Congregational Society .....	4,700.00
Unitarian Society .....	13,500.00
Cemeteries (Privately Owned) .....	4,540.00
Town Hall and Lot .....	15,500.00
Fire Station .....	2,000.00
Highway Building and Lot .....	9,500.00
Library .....	3,400.00
School Department (Land and Buildings) .....	66,100.00
Parks .....	8,800.00
Cemeteries (Town Owned) .....	600.00
Various Lots Owned by Town .....	7,645.00
Property of the Commonwealth .....	2,523.00
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Total Value of Exempted Real Estate.....	\$300,683.00

#### Personal Property

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater .....	\$7,000.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society .....	8,000.00

#### Town of West Bridgewater:

Fire Department .....	15,000.00
Highway Department .....	4,000.00
Library .....	8,000.00
Moth Department .....	2,000.00
Police Department .....	500.00
School Department .....	7,000.00
Sealer Weights and Measures .....	250.00
Town Hall and Offices .....	3,000.00
Tree Warden .....	100.00
Water Department .....	152,000.00
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Total Value Exempted Personal Prop- erty .....	\$206,850.00
Total Value All Exempted Property.....	507,533.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1940 M. V. E. Committed

January 20, 1941	29	\$ 12,090.00	\$ 62.67
1st Commitment, Feb. 17, '41	511	85,020.00	3,173.98
2nd Commitment, Apr. 21, '41	510	103,360.00	3,747.17
3rd Commitment, June 5, '41	114	29,820.00	857.18
4th Commitment, Aug. 4, '41	75	21,090.00	525.76
5th Commitment, Nov. 3, '41	143	35,670.00	700.72
6th Commitment, Dec. 8, '41	58	15,190.00	179.35
	1,440	\$302,240.00	\$9,246.83

Average Assessed Value per Car ..... 209.88

Average Excise per Car ..... 6.42

The List of Taxpayers which usually follows has been omitted this year. This has been done with the recommendation of both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee and will result in a substantial saving on the cost of printing the Town Report.

Any persons who wish to obtain the information that has usually been found in this list may do so by calling at the Assessors' Office.

EDWIN H. THAYER,

ROBERT G. DEAN,

WILLIAM W. PHILLIPS,

*Board of Assessors.*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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During the year 1941 the Selectmen have attended to the usual routine business, meetings with County and State officials in the interests of Health, Highways, Police, etc. Notwithstanding the promise of the Public Works Department of the State that West Centre Street from West Street to Easton line would be rebuilt during 1941, it was found that several so called bottlenecks nearer Camp Edwards would have to be corrected, for transportation of the Army and for a greater element of safety for travel in general. The Army certainly must have every advantage, so our urgent request was withdrawn in their favor. During the Summer another length of roadway, Chap. 90, was rebuilt on North Elm Street and that section where the Railway Bridge was removed resurfaced.

Under Chap. 90, we are promised another section of North Elm Street will be built in 1942.

Under Chap. 81 work was performed on West Street, Belmont Street, South Elm Street, and the balance used in preparation to rebuild East Centre Street.

After the withdrawal of W.P.A. labor, we found it advisable to skim coat, and patch where needed, our existing black top roads. Under Chap. 81 it is hoped to receive the usual financial assistance from the State but the Country's Emergency may require that in these projects we may have to mark time awaiting a more favorable condition of finances.

It was found advisable to adopt traffic rules and arrange for their enforcement, and the same is now in the hands of the Public Works Department of the State for approval.

As War has become a reality upon our country, forced upon us by the mad desire of those who would dominate the world, by those who would rule out Democracy, Liberty and Freedom, and install in their

place dictatorship; from the cruel despotic acts upon those conquered people by the conqueror, we can readily see what would be our lot if we like the others fall into the power of the Axis: "Slavery and Despotism." We, your Selectmen, have faith in the citizens of West Bridgewater to do their part in Defense of those Liberties which we now enjoy, to make such sacrifices as will be necessary. Though the going may be hard, remember our Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, who are making a real sacrifice in our country's interests.

Our Flag has never been lowered in defeat and it must not now taste such bitter humiliation.

We are relying on you, Citizens of West Bridgewater, to do all in your power by donating your services and money, by helping organized forces, both local and national, to drive away all enemies from our shores and our possessions forever in the interests of Liberty, Justice and Freedom.

*"This Is True Democracy."*

JAMES A. HEMENWAY, JOSEPH B. PORTER,  
CARL R. PEARSON,  
*Selectmen of West Bridgewater.*

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation  
Division of Accounts State House, Boston

To the Board of Selectmen January 29, 1942.

Mr. James A. Hemenway, Chairman

West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of West Bridgewater for the year ending December 31, 1941, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
Director of Accounts.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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During the year 1941 there were 118 reportable diseases sent in to the Board of Health as follows:

	1941	1940
Chicken Pox	4	4
Dog Bite	6	1
Mumps	20	2
Measles	53	3
Scarlet Fever	2	2
Whooping Cough	28	1
Typhoid Fever	2	0
Anterio Poliomyelitis	1	0
German Measles	2	1
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Total	118	14

The facts of 1941 as compared with those of 1940 do not necessarily mean that we had a bad run of communicable diseases in 1941; we hope it shows that our people are showing more interest in complying with the Law by reporting these cases as they occur.

As we feel that no better advice can be printed for guidance for co-operation with Local and State Health Boards, we repeat herein extract from the *Journal of Massachusetts Department of Public Health*:

"It is encouraging to know that the parents are coming to regard measles as a serious disease. Too frequently in the past when a child developed the disease it was dismissed with the remark, 'It's only measles,' and the child was allowed to come and go at will. As a result, these children frequently suffered from a complication of measles or from another, superimposed contagious disease. Many times this neglect has meant either the death or serious crippling of the child."



Many parents still do not realize that measles is most dangerous to the extremely young. Statistics show that more than half of those who die of the disease have not reached their second birthday and nearly 80 out of 100 have not reached their fifth birthday. The situation was even worse in the ten years preceding 1930 when 90 out of 100 were under five years of age, but protection of the very young has decreased the relative number of deaths at that age.

Statistics also show the remarkable drop in the deaths from measles in the last ten years. This decrease has been due in a large part to the better medical and nursing care of measles cases as a result of the education of parents by physicians, public health workers, articles in public health bulletins, newspapers and magazines. Local boards of health have assumed their full share of this responsibility in many communities, requiring board of health physicians and communicable disease nurses to impress upon those in households where measles occur that good care of the patient is necessary, and that, if called early, the physician may be able to modify the disease in the exposed, susceptible family contacts.

“We know from long experience that measles will return in epidemics to every community at more or less regular intervals. The larger the community or the closer the town to a populous center the shorter the interval between epidemics. Since there is no method of preventing the return of the disease to the community, we must concentrate our efforts on postponing exposure in the young and on the care and treatment of those who become ill.”

The public's attention is called to the matter of disposal of refuse. The Board has adopted rigid rules regulating disposal of waste materials. The Town has a Public Dump off South Elm Street. The dump is located some distance in from the street entrance. The roadway on either side of the way in to the dump is not the dump.

The rule as enacted is as follows:

No person or persons shall dispose of rubbish—ofal—cans, or any waste materials along our highways or streams, or cause any nuisance in or near our streets.

“Streets or Highway” include entrance to the Dump. Any violation of this will be followed by prosecution of those found guilty.

JAMES A. HEMENWAY,

JOSEPH B. PORTER,

CARL R. PEARSON,

*Board of Health of West Bridgewater.*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of the West Bridgewater Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1941.

### VALUE LOSSES AND INSURANCE PAID

Assessors' value of buildings	\$37,075.00
Insurance on buildings	39,200.00
Insurance paid on buildings	7,103.60
Value contents	32,005.00
Insurance on contents	22,445.00
Insurance paid on contents	1,986.00

The department has traveled 588 miles; laid 33,335 feet booster hose; 4,800 feet 2½-inch hose, 1,250 feet 1½-inch hose; used 140 gallons of chemical; engines have pumped 52 hours and 35 minutes.

### INSPECTION

I have investigated all school buildings with regard to fire hazards and find them in good condition.

### INVESTIGATION

I have investigated three complaints and six calls from the Fire Tower located in Hanson.

### CALL FORCE

The call force consists of one chief, one deputy chief, two captains, fifteen privates and five forest fire wardens.

### APPARATUS

One 500-gallon triple combination Buffalo Equipment on Diamond T chassis, purchased in 1937.

One Maxim 500-gallon triple combination purchased in 1924.

One Chevrolet combination with 120-gallon tank and pump used to extinguish grass and woods fires. Built by fire department in 1938.

One 12-foot boat and trailer presented to the Town by the American Legion for emergencies.

### FIRE ALARM AND SCHOOL SIGNAL

Siren and tapper system tested daily except Sundays.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE

CHIEF 4137-W

STATION 4137-R

#### Fires

Frame buildings	36
Grass and woodland (111½ acres)	69
Rubbish	25
Dumps	6
Aid calls	5
Gasoline in road	1
Cat in tree	1
False	1
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Total calls answered	144

#### Permits

Oil burner permits	16
Open air fires	134

### REMEMBER

All fires in the open air require a written permit from the Chief of the Fire Department.

No permits issued during the months of April and May except on rainy days. This is a state law.

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Sec. 4, Chap. 148. No fuel oil burner shall be installed and no fuel oil in excess of ten (10) gallons shall be kept or stored in any building or other structure without a permit having been obtained therefor from the Marshall, providing that if building is used for habitation, such permit must be obtained from the Head of Fire Department.

To help keep your fire losses small CALL YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY on discovering a fire either in a building, grassland or woodland.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and all others who have in any way helped the Department.

Again this year we have five members of the Department who have attended the Massachusetts Firemen's Training School in Brockton under the direction of Lieutenant Papineau, Drillmaster.

INVITATION

To the citizens of the Town I again extend a cordial invitation to visit the Fire Station any Monday evening and get acquainted with your Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. BOURNE,  
*Chief of the Fire Department.*



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1941.

Appropriation	\$2,961.72
Complaints and Investigations	120
Number of telephone calls for police	317
Automobile violations	408
Automobile violations turned over to Registry of Motor Vehicles	165
Automobile violations on file	243
Cause of Summons and Arrests:	
Operating under influence	7
Operating so as to endanger	12
Operating uninsured car	1
Operating unregistered car	1
Operating without license	3
Operating after suspension of license	2
Operating after revocation of license	4
Speeding	25
Failing to keep to the right	6
Failing to stop at stop signs	6
No periodic inspection sticker	5
Drunk	9
Tramp	1
Neglect of minor children	2
Breaking and entering in night time	7
Larceny	6
Attempted larceny	1
Violation of probation	3
Non-support of minor children	1
Illegitimacy	1
Unnatural act	2
Selling leased property	1

Convictions on all above cases except one.

## Miscellaneous :

Automobile accidents	25
Automobile accidents, persons killed	3
Automobile accidents, persons taken to doctor	3
Automobile accidents, persons taken to doctor and then to hospital	15
Automobile accidents, persons taken to hospital	16
Persons ill and taken to hospital	5
Persons injured, taken to doctor	3
Persons injured, taken to doctor and then to hospital	5
Persons injured in bicycle and automobile accident	2
Persons dropped dead	1
Persons burned to death	1
Persons smothered to death	2
Persons burned and taken to hospital	1
Number plates returned to Registry	3
Fire alarms answered by police	16
Persons reported missing, then located	3
Persons accidentally shot	1
Summonses served for other departments	12
Investigations with other departments	6
Wires down and reported	1
Street lights out and reported	7
Value of property recovered	\$977.66
Defective light tickets given out	300
Transfer papers given out	87

I sincerely wish to express my hearty thanks and appreciation to the Selectmen and all others who have co-operated with me.

To my officers, I also extend my hearty thanks for their genuine co-operation they have shown the Police Department.

P. DOUGLAS EATON,  
*Chief of Police.*

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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In compliance with the State law I herewith submit my annual report of the work I have done as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1941.

I have visited all the various places in town known to have weighing or measuring devices and have sealed or condemned the same.

The following is my report of the work done:

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Spring Scales		26	1
Platform Scales	2	18	
Counter Scales		4	
Beam Scales		3	
Computing Scales		10	
Person Weigher		1	
Avoirdupois Weights		57	
Vehicle Tanks		1	
Gasoline Pumps		31	
Liquid Measures		24	
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Totals	2	175	1
Fees Received			\$34.43

CHRISTOPHER READ,  
*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Trustees

Ada M. Wood	Term expires 1942
Basil M. Soule	Term expires 1942
Martha B. Mason	Term expires 1943
Louis P. Hayden	Term expires 1943
* Jean Rollins Puffer	Term expires 1944
Daniel J. Lothrop	Term expires 1944

\* Filling in unexpired term of Miss Edith F. Howard.

Chairman	Daniel J. Lothrop
Secretary, Acting	Ada M. Wood
Treasurer	Martha B. Mason

### Book Committee

Martha B. Mason	Ada M. Wood
Daniel J. Lothrop	

### Executive Officer

Daniel J. Lothrop

During the year the Library lost one of its valued trustees in the passing of Miss Edith F. Howard, who died September 10, 1941.

The Trustees wish to express their gratitude for the services she so well rendered to the Library.

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

I submit the report of the Public Library for 1941.

The "depression" years, when people are idle, and have more leisure for reading, are always banner years in libraries; now that people are working steadily, most

libraries report a decrease in circulation, as we do, for the past year. We also report more calls for books of a technical nature and material about the various trades. We have purchased a few and under Inter-Library loan, have borrowed others from the Brockton and State Libraries.

After a six months trial of keeping the library open later on Saturdays, we found that it was not used to any extent, so we returned to the 6:30 closing hour.

During the summer the typing of the juvenile non-fiction cards was completed; now all the cards in the catalogue file are typed.

Under improvements was the purchase of a new screen door.

In September Miss Merrill resigned to continue her studies at college and Miss Ruth Bemis was appointed in her place as part time assistant.

The staff felt a loss in the death of Miss Edith F. Howard, who during the many years she served as a trustee was ever mindful of the well-being of the staff members.

In conclusion, we thank the public and our trustees, for their continued help and support.

JEAN M. MURDOCK,

*Librarian.*

#### STATISTICS

Total circulation for the year 1941	30,086
Books added by Purchase—Adult	250
Books added by Purchase—Juvenile	92
Books added by Gift	37
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Total Volumes added	379
Circulation	
Adult Fiction	13,764
Adult Non-Fiction	2,869



Juvenile Books	9,419
Magazines	4,034
Total	30,086

### SCHOOL CIRCULATION

Elementary	
Fiction	3,373
Non-Fiction	1,364
Magazines	94
Total	4,831
Secondary	
Fiction	430
Non-Fiction	513
Magazines	8
Total	951
Total Elementary	4,831
Total Secondary	951
Total School	5,782

### NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY IN 1941

#### Fiction

Drum Goes Dead	Aldrich
Blue Santa Murder Mystery	Armstrong
Bishop's Crime	H. C. Bailey
Orphan Ann	H. C. Bailey
Blue Cloak	T. Bailey
And New Stars Burn	Baldwin
Heart Remembered	Baldwin
Temporary Address, Reno	Bassett
Christmas Carp	Baum
Hot Gold	Bechdolt
Family Failing	Bowen
Long Chance	Brand
Wild Is the River	Bromfield
Mountain Meadow	Buchan

Messer Marco Polo	Byrne
Broad and Alien Is the World	Callegria
Windswept	Chase
Evil Under the Sun	Christie
N or M	Christie
Patriotic Murders	Christie
Affair of the Skiing Clown	Clifford
Bear Paw	Coolidge
Fayes Folly	Corbett
Keyes of the Kingdom	Cronin
Too Many Doors	Crosby
Crimson Horseshoe	Dawson
Wakefield's Course	de la Roche
Dark House	Deeping
Wildcat of Tonto Basin	Denver
South Wind	Douglas
And That Was Alderberry	Duffus
Speak No Evil	Eberhart
With This Ring	Eberhart
Capt. Paul	Ellsberg
Long Week End	Estes
Adam Penfeather, Buccaneer	Farnol
Saratoga Trunk	Ferber
Guns From Powder Valley	Field
Powder River Valley Pay Off	Field
Murder of the Fifth Columnist	Ford
Capt. from Connecticut	Forester
Singing Beach	Foster
Reunion With Murder	Fuller
Three-Thirds of a Ghost	Fuller
Snow Goose	Gallico
Case of Empty Tin	Gardner
Case of the Haunted Husband	Gardner
Case of the Turning Tide	Gardner
In This Our Life	Glasgow
Golden Skylark	Goudge
Smoky House	Goudge
Well of the Star	Goudge
Mr. Bunting in Peace and War	Greenwood
Ace in the Hole	Gregory

Guardians of the Trail	Gregory
Red Law	Gregory
Desirable Bachelor	Greig
Twin Sombreros	Grey
Good Shepherd	Gunnarson
Lance Falls in Love	Hauck
Little Secretary	Hauck
Rim of the Desert	Haycox
Gamblers Chance	Hendryx
Law and Order in Halfaday Creek	Hendryx
The Millions	Hichens
Astra	Hill
By Way of the Silverthorns	Hill
In Tune With Wedding Bells	Hill
Random Harvest	Hilton
Anchors to Windward	Holton
He Looked for a City	Hutchinson
The Countess to Boot	Iams
Sharkskin Book	Keeler
Vanishing Gold Truck	Keeler
Gone With the Draft	Kendall
Mrs. Appleyard's Year	Kent
All That Glitters	Keyes
Affair of the Crimson Gull	C. Knight
Exit a Star	K. Knight
Beyond Tomorrow	Larrimore
Leaf in the Storm	Lin Yu Tang
The New Hope	Lincoln
Stars in Your Eyes	Loring
Where Beauty Dwells	Loring
Battle at Three Cross	Macdonald
H. M. Pulham, Esq.	Marquand
B. Blake	E. Marshall
Nurse Into Woman	M. Marshall
Rio Casino Intrigue	Mason
Spenlove in Arcady	McFee
They Came to a River	McKay
When a Girl's in Love	Miller
Dust of Mexico	Mitchell
Hopalong Cassidy Serves a Writ	Mulford

They Went On Together	Nathan
The Venables	Norris
Best Short Stories of 1941	O'Brien
Milan Grill Room	Oppenheim
Shy Plutocrat	Oppenheim
Spring Symphony	Painter
Love Is Forever	Patterson
Perfect Lamb	Payne
Not Heaven Itself	Pedler
Awake Deborah	Phillipotts
Aunt Elsa	Pinkham
No Safe Harbor	Porter
Now Voyager	Prouty
They Called Him Blue Blazes	Raine
Peppertree Inn	Randall
Familiar Faces	Rinehart
Little We Know	Robbins
Maverick Medico	Rodney
Tumbleweed Trail	Rodney
Island of Fu Manchu	Rohmer
Bright Scalpel	Seifert
So Long, Sucker	Seltzer
Treasure Ranch	Seltzer
My Theodosia	Seton
Lady in Lilac	Shane
Three Companion Pieces	Sharp
Sheriff of Yavisa	Snow
Wolf of the Mesa	Snow
The Sun Is My Undoing	Steen
Storm	Stewart
Heritage of Thatcher Inn	Tarkington
Fighting Littles	Tarkington
Perennial Boarder	Taylor
From This Day Forward	Thane
Remember Today	Thane
Hallowe'en Homicide	Thayer
Persons Unknown	Thayer
Mr. Tutt Comes Home	Train
Tin God of Twisted River	Tuttle
By Hook or Crook	Walling

Raff—Jungle Bird	Wells
Curtain of Green	Welty
Some Must Watch	White
Love's Alibi	Widdemer
Design for Murder	Wilde
Strange Woman	Williams
Hills Beyond	Wolfe
Two Feet From Heaven	Wren
Uniform of Glory	Wren
Red Clark Takes a Hand	Young

### Non-Fiction

From Many Lands	Adamic
Tomorrow Will Come	Almedingden
Vanderbilt Legend	Andrews
What the Citizen Should Know About the Navy	Baldwin
Personal Exposure	Beach
Golf	Berg
Northwest Gateway	Binns
Floridays	Blanding
All In a Lifetime	Buck
Folk Dances and Singing Games	Burchenal
Whittling Boy	Burlingame
Fishing the Surf	Camp
The Brandywine	Canby
French Revolution	Carlyle
France Will Live Again	Chamberlain
This Realm—This England	Chamberlain
Boat Building	Chapelle
Drs. Mayo	Clapsattle
Washington Date Line	Clark
Exit Laughing	Cobb
Out at the Soldier's Home	Corbett
Meet the South Americans	Crow
Magic in Herbs	De Sounin
Golden Yesterdays	Deland
The Longhorns	Dobie
An Island Patchwork	Early
And This Is Washington	Early



She Knew What He Wanted	Early
Behind God's Back	Farson
Paul Revere and the World He Lived In	Forbes
What the Citizens Should Know About the Army	Ford
Shake Hands With the Dragon	Glick
Index to Poetry and Recitations	Granger
Dictionary of Music (5 vols.)	Grove
Soong Sisters	Hahn
Amazon Throne	Harding
Mission to the North	Harriman
Lou Gehrig	Hubler
Preacher's Wife	Hueston
Campfire Tonight	Hurley
Better Badminton	Jackson
Penny Puppets Penny Theatre	Jagendorf
Four Years in Paradise	Johnson
Photo Rule Book	June
Nature Notes	Kieran
Windows on Life	Kopf
Anthology of American Poetry	Kreymborg
Reveille in Washington	Leech
Dakar	Lengyel
Plastics	Lockery
Country Schoolma'am	Lutes
Canada; America's Problem	MacCormac
J. M. Barrie	MacKail
Best Plays 1940-1941	Mantle
Fares, Please	Miller
My Narrow Isle	Mischima
The House I Knew	Neilson
It's Fun to Make Things	Parkhill
Big Family	Partridge
Incurable Romantics	Peattie
What the Citizen Should Know About the Coast Guard	Powell
Archery	Reichart
Treasury of the World's Great Letters	Schuster (Ed.)
Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue 1941	Scott
Six Plays	Shaw
Newfoundland	Shelton

Berlin Diary	Shirer
Essentials of Shop Mathematics	Slade
Many a Green Isle	Smith
Battle for Asia	Snow
The Kaw	Streeter
The Charles	Tourtellot
We're Still in the Country	Van de Water
Semantics	Walpole
November Rowan	Weggant
Crusader in Crinoline	Wilson
Weeds Are More Fun	Wright
Young Man of Caracus	Ybarra
New Webster International Dictionary, Unabridged	
English-Swedish Dictionary	
English-Spanish Dictionary	
Treasury of Gilbert and Sullivan	

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## LOCAL DEFENSE

After 150 years of peace and security within the borders of the United States, we are now called upon to set up forces for defence of our Country, Cities and Towns against an invasion by an enemy who has thrown the whole world into chaos, war and destruction of life and property. While it was confined to Europe until recently, our Government, knowing the aspirations of the Axis powers, deemed it in our interests to prepare for the worst while still hoping that we, as a Nation, might escape the madness of those enemy powers. So early in August 1940, Defense administration and defense committees were organized all over the U. S. A. This was upon authority of the President of the U. S. A. and the Governor of each State. Late in August 1940 a committee was formed here and started to put into action the required units as outlined by the State Administration. Progress was necessarily slow. Many of our citizens were not willing to accept the idea that we were in any danger of invasion.

However, at this writing we are able to report progress equal to most places comparable with our town.

Our principle wardens, one for each of the eight divisions of the town, supplemented by a number of neighborhood wardens, numbering up to 50, have been thoroughly trained and certified, ready for duty.

A steady school for training more wardens in A. R. P. and First Aid, both men and women, will be carried on as long as there seems to be necessity and an interest of our citizens.

We urge you to get well acquainted with your warden, be guided by his instructions in preparation for emergencies, black-outs and incendiary bomb fires. The time given to him for your instruction may save a life; may save your home.

At the time of this writing, January 15, the enemy is in our waters, too near to our shores. Above all things, don't get panicky. Do as instructed by your warden. He is your friend.

The Defense Committee are and will continue to do their part. In the interest of Freedom, Liberty and the right to live in a Democracy, "DO YOUR PART."

H. E. BRYANT,  
*Chairman Defense Committee,*

RALPH FRELICK,  
*Secretary Defense Committee.*

# REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

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I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1941 as Tree Warden.

All trees in the town are in a more healthy condition than they were a year ago. The Maples and Oaks are in very good condition. The Elms have improved, but owing to the damage being done by the elm leaf beetle there still is room for improvement. We have done the usual trimming of dead and low hanging limbs and have bolted two trees and cut down a number that were dead.

The condition with regard to the gypsy moth is about the same as last year. We find in scouting for egg clusters in some parts of the town they have increased, in others they have decreased. We have sprayed all the shade trees in the town and to check the elm leaf beetle we sprayed the elms twice. We have also sprayed the woods along the roadside throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER READ,  
*Tree Warden.*

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1941

There have been inspected during the past year 77 barns and 1,058 cattle. Besides these cattle there were 17 hogs, 16 sheep and 6 goats.

Under the head of slaughtering the number of animals slaughtered was: Hogs, 26.

DAVID DAILEY,  
*Inspector of Animals.*

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## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Because of the improvement in the unemployment situation the Commissioner of Taxation for the State of Massachusetts is charging the local Tax Collectors with the job of collecting the taxes in their locality more promptly. It is therefore the hope of this office that you will co-operate as in the past to fulfill the Commissioner's request.

Details of the collections made by this office will be found in detail under "Accountant's Report."

WALTER C. DUNBAR,  
*Tax Collector.*



## THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

The Plymouth County Extension Service during 1941 has carried on its usual work of assisting rural and village people with their problems pertaining to agriculture, homemaking, and 4-H training. Demands are ever-increasing on the Extension Service to organize, administer and teach programs of national, state, county, and town importance. In view of the present crisis programs of work are being organized so that every effort will be directed towards informing the farm people of the ever-changing developments in agriculture, and to assist them with their problems during these critical times.

The agricultural department is organized primarily on a commodity basis, working with commodity committees, associations and groups of farm people. Major agricultural enterprises are cranberries, dairy, poultry, vegetables and fruit, but many smaller projects are covered such as forestry, general livestock, farm accounts, etc. The agricultural department renders service and receives fine co-operation from such agencies as Agricultural Conservation Program, Farm Security Administration, Surplus Marketing Administration, Farm Credit Administration, and various co-operatives.

The Home Demonstration Department conducted some work in each of the towns of the county during 1941. The major program during the spring and fall was in clothing construction. Emphasis was also made on the care, repair and renovation of clothing.

Over five hundred different women attended nutrition meetings held during the year. More families were helped this past year to plan home gardens and 18 food preservation demonstration working meetings were conducted.

Homemakers were also helped in various ways in the fields of home management, home furnishing, home grounds improvement and recreation.

Four-H Club work is that part of the Agricultural Extension Service which deals with rural youth. Young people between the ages of 10 and 21 in a community organize themselves into a group with their own officers and own local program with the guidance of an adult man or woman leader (who serves voluntarily). Each member has an individual project centering around a problem of the home or the farm. They raise livestock, crops, make clothing, prepare foods, etc. They serve as officers and on committees of their own club. They have camps, games, songs, exhibits, tours, hikes, and social meetings. They work and play together. They learn to co-operate by co-operating.

*Combined Statistical of the Three Departments*

Days in office .....	683 $\frac{1}{4}$
Days in the field .....	987 $\frac{3}{4}$
Leaders and Committeemen .....	465
Farm and Home Visits .....	2,783
Office and Telephone Calls .....	9,716
News Articles .....	418
Individual Letters .....	4,392
No. Circular Letters .....	340
Copies .....	124,247
Total number of meetings participated in by agents .....	804
Attendance .....	31,053
Total number of 4-H club members enrolled	1,701
Total number of different women attending meetings .....	3,097

The financial assistance and moral support of West Bridgewater is greatly appreciated by the people the Extension Service assists. A continuation of its support is justified on the record it has achieved. Its influence cannot be measured by monetary values, but its educational programs and individual assistance constitute one measure in the first line of national defense.

CLIFFORD H. CARLSON,  
*Town Director.*

## REPORT ON THE W. P. A.

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Early in June by Federal orders many of the towns were required to close out their projects and were withdrawn from W. P. A. assistance. From January 1, 1941 to the close most of the labor was upon highway projects, Walnut Street receiving the bulk of benefit. Approximately one-half mile was resurfaced with gravel.

Surveys were made on Plain Street and Central Square to Post Office preparatory to constructing black top sidewalks. Assistance was withdrawn, however, before we could accomplish this.

The indexing of old records was completed and will prove of value in hunting up articles which we are required to do from time to time.

Sewing project closed with others.

Another survey and plans for rebuilding the spillway in the river adjacent to the dam involved the State Department of Rivers, also the U. S. Army Engineering Corps, and these two latter requirements took so long (four months) that we lost out on that also. This repair will have to be made to prevent severe damage to the park and also would become a nuisance if allowed to drain the river.

The commissary continues and has distributed large quantities of food during 1941 as follows:

<i>Food</i>	
Canned	Tins
Apples	1863
Grapefruit	3137
Peaches	240
Tomatoes	482
Carrots	1639

Fresh:	Lbs.
Apples	10,785
Beets	3,720
Beans, String	500
Butter	780
Cabbage	1,125
Carrots	7,030
Grapefruit	4,368
Lard	5,759
Peaches	2,846
Potatoes	13,815
Tomatoes	4,690
Salt Pork	1,100
Hams	1,260
Dried:	
Beans	6,954
Peaches	925
Raisins	1,099
Prunes	2,402
Rice	1,666
Cereal:	
Corn Meal	6,632
Graham Flour	10,234
Wheat Cereal	11,460
Wheat Flour	16,044
Eggs	131 Doz.
Value	\$10,531.00

## Clothing:

4,597 pieces, including 12 layettes, 111 sheets, 23 pairs army shoes.

Value \$4,088.95

HERBERT E. BRYANT,  
*Supervisor.*

## W. P. A. EXPENDITURES

	Federal	Town	Admin- istration
Vital Statistics .....	\$811.96	\$18.82	.....
Farm to Market .....	4,840.67	3,042.88	.....
Sewing .....	947.80	160.81	.....
Improving Water Systems .....	1,792.50	.....	.....
Public Works .....	4,635.35	.....	.....
W. P. A. ....			
North Elm Street Bridge .....			
Sponsor's Agent .....	.....	.....	\$572.18
Clerk .....	.....	.....	402.00
Travel, etc. ....	.....	.....	21.65
Music and General Accounts .....	.....	.....	129.34
Sidewalks, Survey and Plans .....	.....	.....	44.43
Parks and Spillways, Survey and Re- ports .....	.....	.....	39.04
Commissary .....	14,619.95	640.85	.....
Totals .....	\$27,648.23	\$3,863.36	\$1,208.64

Net Expense from WPA Material Account .....	.....	\$3,863.36
Administration .....	\$1,208.64	.....
Total Expense to the Town .....	\$5,072.00	\$5,072.00
Total Grant from Federal Government to WPA Projects .....	.....	\$27,648.23
Federal Grants .....	84%	.....
Town Expense .....	16%	.....
.....	100%	.....

HERBERT E. BRYANT,

Town Clerk.



## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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The financial transactions of the Town for the year 1941 may be briefly summarized as follows:

Cash on hand January 1, 1941	\$43,858.85
Cash on hand December 31, 1941	50,190.44
Received from Collector	128,662.92
Received from Other Sources	71,980.60
Total Receipts	200,643.52
Payments during the year 1941	194,311.93
Payments on water bonds and notes	3,900.00
Payments on Interest on Water Bonds and Notes	217.60
Outstanding Water Bonds December 31, 1941	1,740.00
Outstanding Water Notes December 31, 1941	10,000.00
Tax Titles Redemptions	806.59
Tax Title Partial Payments	306.00
Tax Title Added Interest	62.93
Tax Title Releases	21.00
Tax Titles foreclosed by Land of Low Value Procedure	2
Tax Titles held by Town	53
Tax Titles Added during 1941	19
Received from Sale of Tax Title Possessions	65.00
Cemetery Trust Funds Addition:	
Desire L. Gould for care of lot at Pleas- ant Hill Cemetery	100.00

The report of the expenses of the Treasurer's office, and a detailed account of the Library Trust Funds and Cemetery Trust Funds may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

ORVIS F. KINNEY,  
*Treasurer.*

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**OF**  
**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

For the Year Ending December 31

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To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my annual report in accordance with Section 61, Chapter 41, General Laws, for the year ending December 31, 1941, giving a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the town and showing the amount of each specific appropriation, with statements showing the town debt and trust funds.

A. M. DEAN,  
*Town Accountant.*

# I

## General Accounts

### *Financial Condition*

December 31, 1941

#### Assets

##### Cash:

General .....	\$50,190.44	
Library—Petty Cash .....	10.00	
	<hr/>	50,200.44

##### Accounts Receivable:

##### Taxes:

##### Levy of 1940

Personal .....	92.65	
Real Estate .....	16.47	
	<hr/>	109.12

##### Levy of 1941

Poll .....	16.00	
Personal .....	1,730.22	
Real Estate .....	22,793.83	
	<hr/>	24,540.05

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24,649.17

Motor Vehicle Tax Levy of 1941 .....	394.72
Tax Titles .....	5,048.37
Tax Possessions .....	1,776.84

## Departmental

State Aid .....	120.00	
Military Aid .....	180.00	
Public Welfare .....	1,061.61	
Old Age Assistance .....	502.58	
	<hr/>	1,864.19

## Aid to Highway Chapter 90

State .....	1,257.09	
County .....	628.55	1,885.64

## Water Department:

Rates and services .....	4,008.69	
Water Liens Added to 1941		
Real Estate .....	521.41	4,530.10
		<hr/>
		\$90,349.47

## Liabilities and Reserve

## Special Accounts:

Westdale Improvement So-		
ciety .....	174.76	
Surplus War Bonus .....	540.32	
	<hr/>	715.08
Sale of Real Estate Fund .....		1,600.00
Records of Dog Licenses Due County .....		26.60
Road Machinery Fund .....		3,582.01

## Overestimated 1941:

County Tax .....	117.81	
State Parks & Reservation..	6.16	
	<hr/>	123.97

Tailings Account (Unclaimed Checks) .....	25.72	
Unexpended balances .....	5,167.14	
Water Department Available Surplus .....	1,607.41	
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus .....	3,464.78	

## Overlay Reserved for Abatements of Taxes:

Levy of 1940 .....	109.12	
Levy of 1941 .....	1,476.39	1,585.51

Revenue Reserved Until Col-  
lected:

Motor Vehicle Excise .....	394.72	
Tax Possessions .....	1,776.84	
Tax Titles .....	5,048.37	
Departmental .....	1,864.19	
Aid to Highways .....	1,885.64	
Water .....	4,530.10	
		15,499.86
Surplus Revenue .....		56,951.39
		<hr/> \$90,349.47

Debt Account

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	11,740.00
Water Loans .....	11,740.00

Trust Accounts

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities .....	25,547.72
	<hr/> \$25,547.72
Library Trust Funds .....	18,911.36
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Funds	6,636.36
	<hr/> \$25,547.72

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Real Estate .....	65,130.55
Personal .....	11,049.07
Poll .....	2,096.00

Previous Years:

Real Estate .....	24,500.19
Personal .....	1,597.93

Poll .....	30.00
Tax Titles .....	973.50
Tax Titles Possessions .....	90.00

## From State:

Income Tax .....	13,823.55	
Corporation Taxes .....	1,173.09	
Corporations, Gas, Electric and Water .....	2,567.86	
Veteran Exemption .....	58.58	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes .....	55.57	
Highway Fund, Chapter 420 .....	6,892.17	
	<hr/>	130,038.06

## Licenses and Permits:

Beer and Liquor .....	455.00	
Oleo and Sunday Victualers .....	51.50	
Pasteurizing Milk .....	70.00	
Permits and all other Li- censes .....	77.00	
	<hr/>	653.50

## Fines and Forfeits

Fines—Court .....	22.00
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## Grants and Gifts

## From State:

## Schools:

Massachusetts School Fund .....	1,303.64
Vocational Education .....	389.09
Tuition of Children .....	351.00
English Speaking Classes .....	48.00
George Deen Federal Fund, Vo- cational .....	650.00

## From County:

Dog Licenses .....	578.95	
	<hr/>	3,320.68



**Privileges**

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1941	8,467.43	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1940	407.22	8,874.65

**Departmental****General Government:**

Treasurer .....	21.00	
Collector .....	1.00	
License Commission .....	13.00	

**Town Hall:**

Rent and miscellaneous .....	500.73	
Wood for Public Welfare .....	252.25	
	<hr/>	787.98

**Health**

Tuberculosis .....		567.85
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**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Sealer of Weights and Measures .....		34.43
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**Highway:**

State & County Joint Maintenance .....	5,614.36	
State & County Joint Construction .....	4,677.18	
Snow and Ice Removal .....	52.50	
Machine Fund .....	738.85	
	<hr/>	11,082.89

**Public Welfare:****Reimbursement—Temporary Aid:**

Cities and Towns .....	276.05	
State .....	1,549.87	

**Old Age Assistance:****Reimbursements:**

Cities and Towns .....	845.82	
State .....	9,068.63	
Federal Grant .....	14,044.02	

## Dependent Children:

State .....	250.72	
Federal Grant .....	765.04	
	<hr/>	26,800.15

## Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid .....	10.00	
Military Aid .....	312.50	
Soldiers' Burial .....	100.00	
	<hr/>	422.50

## Schools:

Tuition .....		531.80
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## Library:

Fines .....		90.14
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## Public Service Enterprise:

Water Rates .....	12,769.94	
Water Liens .....	1,656.56	
	<hr/>	14,426.50

## Interest:

Real Estate and Personal...	720.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	7.63	
Tax Title Redemption .....	87.02	
	<hr/>	815.45

Charges and Fees .....		229.60
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**Agency, Trusts and Investments**

## Agency:

Dog Tax .....	864.00	
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## Trusts:

Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Funds .....	64.50	
Library Trust Funds .....	838.59	

## Investments:

Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Funds .....	100.00	
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		1,867.09
Departmental .....		52.53
Suspense Account .....		25.72
		<hr/>
Total Receipts .....		\$200,643.52

## DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

## PAYMENTS

	<b>Moderator</b>	
Appropriation .....		25.00
Expenses:		
Moderator .....		25.00
	<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Appropriation .....		15.00
Expenses:		
Finance Committee .....		2.50
		<hr/>
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		12.50
	<b>Preserving Old Records</b>	
Appropriation .....		50.00
Expenses:		
Preserving Old Records .....		2.09
		<hr/>
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		47.91
	<b>Law</b>	
Appropriation .....		25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		25.00

**Other Financial Offices**

Appropriation .....	25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	25.00

**Selectmen**

Appropriation .....	800.00
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**Expenses:**

Salary .....	595.00
Clerk .....	40.26
Stationery and Postage .....	17.69
Printing and Advertising .....	28.28
Travel Expense .....	25.80
Notary Fees .....	.50
All Other .....	67.06
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	774.59

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	25.41
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**Accounting**

Appropriation .....	675.00
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**Expenses:**

Accountant .....	624.00
Printing .....	16.02
Stationery and Postage .....	5.50
All Other .....	20.10
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	665.62

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	9.38
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**Treasurer**

Appropriation .....	1,300.00
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**Expenses:**

Salary .....	800.00
Office Supplies .....	13.62
Tax Title Expense .....	84.56
Stationery and Postage .....	112.08
Printing .....	4.10
Travel .....	68.00
Surety Bond .....	76.00

Notary Fees .....	3.50	
All Other .....	3.33	
	<hr/>	1,183.19
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue .....		116.81
<b>Collector</b>		
Appropriation .....		2,015.00
Expenses:		
Salary .....	1,300.00	
Office Supplies .....	122.57	
Tax Title Expense .....	50.70	
Stationery and Postage .....	146.11	
Printing and Advertising .....	99.35	
Water Lien Expense .....	10.90	
Surety Bonds .....	168.00	
Travel .....	50.00	
Notary Fees .....	29.00	
	<hr/>	1,976.63
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....		38.37
<b>Assessors</b>		
Appropriation .....		1,800.00
Expenses:		
Salaries .....	1,318.85	
Transfers and Lists .....	69.83	
Stationery and Postage .....	11.38	
Travel .....	71.30	
Printing .....	7.35	
Supplies .....	2.35	
Legal .....	75.00	1,556.06
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....		243.94

**Town Clerk**

Appropriation .....	620.00
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## Expenses:

Salary .....	520.00
Stationery and Postage .....	14.55
Printing and Advertising ....	26.05
Office Supplies .....	19.82
Travel .....	11.10
Surety Bond .....	7.50
All Other .....	6.45

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 605.47

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	14.53
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**Election and Registration**

Appropriation .....	408.00
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## Expenses:

Registrars .....	24.00
Counters, Observers and Checkers .....	102.75
Annual Lists .....	151.88
Clerk .....	43.25
Stationery and Postage .....	1.47
Printing Forms .....	41.46
All Other .....	33.13

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 397.94

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	10.06
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**MUNICIPAL BUILDING****Town Hall**

Appropriation .....	3,250.00
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## Expenses:

Janitor .....	936.00
Office Supplies .....	8.50
Telephone .....	199.30



Fuel .....	911.71	
Light .....	224.37	
Janitor's Supplies .....	43.11	
Repairs .....	154.36	
Gas .....	5.76	
Water .....	14.00	
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		2,497.11
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....		<hr/>
		752.89
<b>New Town Officers</b>		
Special Appropriation 1940 Balance.....		150.00
Expenses:		
Labor—Painting, etc. ....		48.00
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1942		102.00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

### Police Department

Appropriation .....		2,265.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		696.72
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		2,961.72
Expenses:		
Chief .....	850.29	
Police .....	685.00	
Special Police .....	89.00	
Motor Equipment and Re- pair .....	233.01	
Gasoline and oil .....	207.84	
Stationery and Postage .....	8.40	
Telephone .....	103.54	
Equipment for men .....	36.73	
Notary Fees .....	3.50	
All Other Supplies, etc. ....	84.41	
New Equipment .....	660.00	
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		2,961.72

**Dog Officer**

Appropriation .....	35.00
Expenses:	
Dog Officer .....	34.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	1.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation .....	2,450.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	658.81
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	3,108.81

**Expenses:**

Chief .....	258.90
Bonus .....	180.00
Firemen .....	1,646.33
Truck Equipment and Re- pair .....	217.36
Call Station .....	180.00
Hose and Fittings .....	279.50
Gasoline and Oil .....	63.77
Supplies and Equipment ...	62.98
Repairs .....	20.50
Electricity .....	76.84
Telephone .....	122.63
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	3,108.81

**Hydrants**

Appropriations .....	1,240.00
Expenses:	
Hydrants—Water Department .....	1,240.00

**FORESTRY****Moth Extermination**

Appropriation .....	2,500.00
Expenses:	
Superintendent .....	671.20
Labor .....	1,454.50

Insecticides .....	237.54	
Hardware and Tools .....	6.05	
Gasoline and Oil .....	68.35	
Supplies and All Other .....	33.25	
Adm. Supplies .....	1.08	
	<hr/>	2,471.97

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue.. 28.03

#### Tree Warden

Appropriation ..... 700.00

#### Expenses:

Superintendent .....	339.80	
Labor .....	300.75	
Gasoline and Oil .....	27.00	
Truck Repair .....	.90	
Tools and Hardware .....	7.85	
All Other .....	3.85	
	<hr/>	680.15

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue.. 19.85

#### INSPECTOR

##### Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation ..... 100.00

#### Expenses:

Sealer .....	58.80	
All Other Supplies .....	24.84	
	<hr/>	83.64

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue 16.36

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

##### Health

Appropriation ..... 1,775.00

#### Expenses:

Administration .....	17.38	
Stationery and Postage .....	46.26	
Care of Dump .....	209.03	
Vital Statistics .....	97.75	

Visiting Nurse .....	300.00	
County Hospital .....	474.50	
Inspection of Animals .....	100.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering .....	7.35	
All Other .....	74.94	
	<hr/>	1,327.21

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	447.79
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### HIGHWAYS

#### Highway Maintenance

Appropriation .....	4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	43.97
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	4,043.97

#### Expenses:

Superintendent .....	650.00	
Labor .....	2,840.91	
Trucks .....	142.30	
Gravel and sand .....	29.40	
All Other, Tools and Sup- plies .....	372.36	
Electricity .....	9.00	
	<hr/>	4,043.97

#### Tarvia Tops

Appropriation .....	6,000.00
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#### Expenses:

Superintendent .....	625.00	
Labor .....	3,253.40	
Gravel, Stone and Sand .....	111.88	
Equipment Rental .....	67.02	
Tarvia and Oil .....	1,942.70	
	<hr/>	6,000.00

### HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

(Chapter 90, No. 7601)

Appropriation (1940 Balance) .....	1,030.76
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	1,338.59
From County of Plymouth .....	1,338.59
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	3,707.94

## (Chapter 90, No. 7601)

## Expenses:

Labor .....	960.58	
Superintendent .....	25.00	
Equipment Hire .....	1,378.63	
Stone, Crushed .....	387.66	
Tarvia and Road Oil .....	187.29	
All Other Supplies .....	768.78	
	<hr/>	3,707.94

## (Chapter 90, No. 8056)

Appropriation .....	1,000.00
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	1,000.00
From County of Plymouth .....	1,000.00
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	3,000.00

## Expenses:

Labor .....	575.16	
Equipment Hire .....	476.61	
Crushed Stone and Sand .....	696.66	
Tarvia, etc. ....	1,251.57	
	<hr/>	3,000.00

## (Chapter 90, No. 8163)

Appropriation .....	3,000.00
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	3,742.91
From County of Plymouth .....	1,871.45
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	8,614.36

## Expenses:

Contractor .....	7,485.81	
Labor .....	26.50	
Material .....	276.10	
Advertisement .....	18.30	
	<hr/>	7,806.71

1942 Balance .....	807.65
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**Road Machinery Account**

Appropriation .....		1,200.00
Expenses:		
Supplies and Repairs .....	580.40	
Gasoline and Oil .....	578.29	
	<hr/>	1,158.69
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		<hr/> 41.31

**Snow Removal**

Appropriation .....		1,000.00
Expenses:		
Labor and Snow Plows .....	485.00	
Route No. 106 .....	95.00	
Rent .....	25.00	
	<hr/>	605.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		<hr/> 395.00

**LAND DAMAGE****Crescent Street**

Appropriation .....		1,120.48
County .....		345.49
		<hr/> 1,465.97
Expenses:		
Crescent Street .....		1,402.57
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1942 Balance .....		63.40

**South Elm Street**

1940 Balance .....		8.00
Expense:		
South Elm Street .....		5.00
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1942 Balance .....		3.00



**Spring Street**

1940 Balance .....	699.65
Expense:	
Spring Street .....	398.00
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1942 Balance .....	301.65

**North Elm Street**

1940 Balance .....	32.80
Expense:	
North Elm Street .....	30.40
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1942 Balance .....	2.40

**Street Lights**

Appropriation (Special Town Meeting) .....	108.00
Appropriation .....	3,657.72
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	3,765.72
Expenses:	
Street Lights .....	3,726.16
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	39.56

**CHARITIES****Public Welfare Administration**

Appropriation .....	525.00
Expenses:	
General Administration .....	260.94
Printing and Postage .....	29.16
All Other .....	54.54
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	344.64
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .	180.36

**Relief**

Appropriation .....	12,600.00
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**Expenses:**

Groceries .....	1,061.74	
Fuel .....	430.88	
Medicine and Medical .....	491.39	
State Institutions .....	306.09	
Cash Grants .....	3,078.75	
Rent .....	1,334.00	
Shoes and Clothing .....	98.49	
All Other .....	361.94	
Other Cities and Towns .....	3,043.00	
	<hr/>	10,206.28

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	1,793.72
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**Dependent Children**

Appropriation .....	1,532.00
Federal Fund .....	765.04

Expenses:	2,297.04
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Administration .....	6.75	
Cash Aid .....	1,860.45	
	<hr/>	1,867.20

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	429.84
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**Old Age Assistance Administration**

Appropriation .....	345.00
Federal Fund .....	453.33

Expenses:	798.33
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General Administration .....	469.92	
Printing and Postage .....	16.28	
Supplies and Forms .....	17.15	
Office Supplies .....	73.38	
All Other .....	18.54	
	<hr/>	595.27

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	203.06
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**Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation .....	15,220.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	261.77
Federal Fund .....	13,590.69

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Expenses: 29,072.46

Cash Grants .....	27,805.70
Funerals .....	139.00
Other Cities and Towns .....	1,127.76

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29,072.46

**Soldiers' Relief**

Appropriation .....	1,150.00
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Expenses:

Notary Fees .....	5.00
Groceries .....	48.00
Fuel .....	153.68
Medicine and Medical .....	23.00
Rent .....	192.00
All Other .....	80.44

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502.12

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue.. 647.83

**Soldiers' Burial**

Appropriation .....	100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	100.00

**State Aid**

Appropriation .....	100.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	20.00

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Expenses: 120.00  
 State Aid .....

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120.00

**Military Aid**

Appropriation .....	700.00
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Expenses:

Military Aid .....	390.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue.. 310.00

## EDUCATION

Appropriation .....	49,975.00
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## Expenses:

## General Administration

Superintendent .....	2,422.45
Clerk .....	660.00
Truant Officer .....	150.00
Stationery, Postage & Print. ....	76.90
Telephone .....	246.86
Traveling Expense .....	286.62
School Census .....	45.00
Misc. Administration .....	24.21

## Teachers' Salaries:

High .....	12,032.04
Elementary .....	16,715.77

## Health:

Nurse and Supplies .....	877.82
Physician .....	300.00

## Text Books and Supplies:

## High:

Text Books .....	616.10
Supplies .....	1,530.64

## Elementary:

Text Books .....	564.37
Supplies .....	1,331.47
Express .....	14.43

## Tuition:

Vocational .....	240.45
Transportation .....	3,056.00
Other Transportation .....	39.00

## Janitor:

Elementary .....	2,514.33
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<b>Fuel and Light:</b>	
Fuel .....	2,075.96
Gas .....	115.67
Electricity .....	258.30
<b>Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds</b>	
Repairs .....	1,699.83
Water—High .....	24.91
Janitors' Supplies .....	290.93
Water—Elementary .....	84.00
<b>Other Expenses:</b>	
Diplomas and Graduation Exercises .....	112.07
Miscellaneous .....	49.87
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	48,456.00
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Unexpended Balance reverting to Revenue..	1,519.00
<b>Smith-Hughes &amp; George Deen Funds</b>	
Federal Funds for Vocational Education ....	650.00
Expenses .....	520.00
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Balance carried forward to 1942 .....	130.00
<b>State Aided Vocational Education</b>	
Appropriation .....	650.00
Balance carried to 1942 .....	650.00
<b>Sunset Avenue School Heating Plant</b>	
Appropriation .....	3,500.00
Expenses .....	3,426.00
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1941	74.00
<b>Library</b>	
Appropriation .....	1,240.00
Expenses .....	1,231.30
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..	8.70

**Expenses****Library Maintenance:****Salaries:**

Librarian .....	325.00
Assistants .....	312.17
Janitor .....	100.00

**Books and Periodicals:**

Books .....	360.42
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**Fuel and Light:**

Fuel .....	50.00
Light .....	8.60

**Building:**

Expense .....	41.32
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**Other Expenses:**

Petty Supplies .....	20.59
All Other .....	13.20

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 1,231.30
**Library Trust Funds****Expenses:****Books, Periodicals and Bind-**

ings .....	410.58
Repairs .....	7.50

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 418.08
**Unclassified Departments**

	Appro.	Expenses
Care of Monument Grounds,		
Flags and Parks .....	550.00	542.57
Christmas Decorations at Monu-		
ment Square .....	125.00	125.00
Memorial and Armistice Day ....	200.00	197.70
Defense Account: Transfer from		
Reserve Fund .....	182.89	182.89
County Aid to Agriculture .....	100.00	100.00
Town Reports .....	480.35	480.35



Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00	50.00
Dog Licenses .....		893.80
Plymouth County Hospital Assessment .....	1,949.33	1,949.33

Unexpended balances reverting to Revenue .....		9.73
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**Insurance**

Appropriation .....		1,465.14
Refund .....		52.53
		<hr/> 1,517.67

**Expenses:**

Liability .....	945.22	
Fire .....	536.68	
	<hr/>	1,481.90

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		35.77
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**Interest**

Appropriation .....		100.00
Expenses .....		7.48

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue..		92.52
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**Federal Project Accounts**

Appropriation .....		7,076.00
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**Expenses:**

Agent Sponsor .....	572.18	
Clerk and Travel .....	423.65	
Commissary .....	640.85	
Sewing .....	160.81	
Town Records .....	18.82	
Highways .....	3,042.88	
General Accounts .....	212.81	
	<hr/>	5,072.00

Unexpended balance carried forward to 1942 .....		2,004.00
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

## Water Department

Appropriation .....	11,000.00
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## Expenses:

Commissioners .....	12.50
Superintendent .....	1,820.00
Clerks .....	347.82
Labor .....	359.50
Call Station .....	180.00
Water .....	7,348.06
Stationery, Postage & print. ....	141.24
Telephone .....	51.51
Truck Repair, Supplies, All. ....	
Other .....	107.76
Pipe Fittings .....	508.76
Gas and Oil .....	90.60
Tools and Repairs .....	28.10

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10,995.85

Unexpended balance reverting to Water	
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Receipts .....	4.15
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## Water Bonds and Interest

Appropriation .....	4,117.60
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## Expenses:

Bonds .....	3,900.00
Interest .....	217.60

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4,117.60

## West Center Street

Special Appropriation (1940 Balance) .....	13.69
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Expenses .....	13.69
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## Cemetery

Appropriation .....	130.00
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## Expenses:

Care of Cemeteries .....	121.08
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .....	8.92
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West Bridgewater  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Assessed in Tax Levy .....	9,437.21
Over Estimate carried forward from 1940 .....	9.62
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	9,446.83

**Payments to the Commonwealth:**

State Tax .....	9,075.00
State Audit .....	221.56
State Parks and Reserva- tions .....	144.11
Public Service Corporation Tax Interest .....	71.84

**County of Plymouth**

Assessed in Tax Levy .....	6,926.25
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**Payments to the County:**

County Tax .....	6,808.44
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**Agency and Trust Investments**

Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	122.50
Cemetery New Principal .....	100.00
Library Interest Account's .....	362.51

**Refunds:**

Motor Vehicle Excise .....	233.66
Real Estate .....	154.05
Personal Property .....	5.53
Poll Tax .....	6.00

**Reserve Fund**

Transferred from Overlay Surplus .....	2,100.00
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**Transfers authorized by Finance Committee**

Defense Account .....	182.89
Fire Department .....	658.81
Old Age Assistance Aid ....	261.77
State Aid .....	20.00

Highway Maintenance .....	43.97	
Police Department .....	696.72	
	<hr/>	1,864.16

Balance reverting to Overlay	
Surplus .....	235.84

## III

## SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS

## Tax Levy for 1941

	Poll Tax	Personal Property	Real Estate	Total
Levy 1941 .....	\$2,266.00	\$12,813.59	\$91,033.27	\$106,112.86
Refunds .....	6.00	5.53	31.60	43.13
Totals .....	<hr/> \$2,272.00	<hr/> \$12,819.12	<hr/> \$91,064.87	<hr/> \$106,155.99
Collection .....	\$2,096.00	\$11,049.07	\$65,130.55	\$78,275.62
Abatements .....	160.00	39.83	1,822.62	2,022.45
Added to Tax Titles .....	.....	.....	1,317.87	1,317.87
Totals .....	<hr/> \$2,256.00	<hr/> \$11,088.90	<hr/> \$68,271.04	<hr/> \$81,615.94
Tax receivable Dec. 31, 1941 .....	<hr/> \$16.00	<hr/> \$1,730.22	<hr/> \$22,793.83	<hr/> \$24,540.05

## Tax Levy for 1940

Balance Jan. 1, 1941 .....	\$62.00	\$1,819.28	\$24,782.23	\$26,663.51
Collections .....	\$30.00	\$1,573.78	\$24,239.01	\$25,842.79
Abatements .....	32.00	152.85	.....	184.85
Added to Tax Titles .....	.....	.....	526.75	526.75
Totals .....	<hr/> \$62.00	<hr/> \$1,726.63	<hr/> \$24,765.76	<hr/> \$26,554.39
Outstanding .....	<hr/> \$.....	<hr/> \$92.65	<hr/> \$16.47	<hr/> \$109.12

## Tax Levy for 1939

Balance Jan. 1, 1941 .....	\$.....	\$227.55	\$261.18	\$488.73
Refund .....	.....	.....	122.45	122.45
Totals .....	<hr/> \$.....	<hr/> \$227.55	<hr/> \$383.63	<hr/> \$611.18
Collections .....	\$.....	\$24.15	\$261.18	\$285.33
Abatements .....	\$.....	\$203.40	\$122.45	\$325.85
Totals .....	<hr/> \$.....	<hr/> \$227.55	<hr/> \$383.63	<hr/> \$611.18

**Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for 1941**

Levy .....	\$9,184.16	
Refunds .....	220.95	
	<hr/>	\$9,405.11
Collections .....	\$8,467.43	
Abatement .....	542.96	
	<hr/>	\$9,010.39
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941 .....		<hr/> \$394.72

**Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for 1940**

Balance, Jan. 1, 1941 .....	\$483.32	
Refunds .....	12.71	
	<hr/>	\$496.03
Collection .....	\$407.22	
Abatement .....	88.81	
	<hr/>	\$496.03

**Wates Rates**

Balance, January 1, 1941 .....	\$2,168.61	
Commitments Water Rates .....	\$14,867.01	
Commitments Water Lien Chgs. ....	\$63.00	
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Total .....		\$17,098.62
Collections .....	\$12,769.94	
Abatements .....	35.54	
Added to Water Lien .....	284.45	
	<hr/>	13,089.93
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941 .....		<hr/> \$4,008.69

**Water Liens**

Water Lien 1940 Balance .....		\$1,479.20
Collections .....	\$415.32	
Water Lien Added to 1941 Real Estate .....	1,063.88	
	<hr/>	\$1,479.20
Water Liens 1941 .....		\$287.45
Collections .....		\$287.45
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Water Liens Added to 1941 Real Estate ..		\$1,063.88

Collections .....	\$471.24	
Water Lien Added to Tax Titles .....	71.23	
	<hr/>	542.47
Outstanding .....		\$521.41
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Water Liens Added to 1940 Real Estate Balance .....		\$482.55
Collections .....		482.55

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## Summary of Tax Title Account

Tax Title:		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1941 .....	\$4,004.63	
Tax Titles Added .....	2,047.23	
	<hr/>	\$6,051.86
Collections .....	973.50	
Tax Titles Disclaimed .....	29.99	
	<hr/>	1,003.49
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Outstanding, December 1941 .....		\$5,048.37

## Tax Possessions

Balance, January 1, 1941 .....	\$1,845.55	
Tax Possession .....	21.29	
	<hr/>	\$1,866.84
Sale of Tax Possessions .....		90.00
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Balance December 31, 1941 .....		\$1,776.84

## V

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year .....	\$6,528.27	\$6,528.27
On hand at end of year .....	\$6,636.36	\$6,636.36

## RECEIPTS

Interest .....	\$130.59
New Principal .....	100.00
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Total .....	\$230.59

## PAYMENTS

Payments for Care of Lots .....	\$122.50
Increase in Deposits .....	108.09
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	\$230.59



Name of Fund	Balance Jan. 1, 1941	Receipts	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1941
Alfred E. Alger .....	\$215.53	\$4.32	\$7.00	\$212.85
Sanford Alger .....	50.83	1.01	1.00	50.84
William Burke .....	169.86	3.40	6.00	167.26
Davis Copeland .....	202.61	4.06	6.00	200.67
Mrs. Henry Copeland .....	100.28	2.01	2.00	100.29
Lyman, and Pardon Cope- land .....	650.72	13.07	13.00	650.79
Samuel G. Copeland .....	200.78	4.02	4.00	200.80
Samuel G. and James Copeland .....	1,031.09	20.72	15.00	1,036.81
Martha K. Crosby .....	100.03	2.01	2.00	100.04
Mary A. Dewyer .....	112.00	2.25	5.00	109.25
Michael Dewyer .....	100.20	2.01	2.00	100.21
John E. & Desire L. Gould, 1941 Principal .....		.50		100.50
The Hartwell Fund .....	318.65	6.39	9.00	316.04
Etta L. Hartwell Funds ....	311.77	6.25		318.02
Frank P. Hatch .....	160.68	3.22	3.00	160.90
Julia M. Hooper .....	137.56	2.75		140.31
Alba Howard .....	101.31	2.03	2.00	101.34
Isabelle Howard .....	100.03	2.01	2.00	100.04
S. Nelson Howard .....	103.62	2.07	2.50	103.19
Samuel H. Howard .....	108.07	2.17	3.00	107.24
Harriet M. Jennings .....	109.30	2.19	4.00	107.49
Sumner D. Keith .....	108.63	2.17		110.80
Warren C. Kinney .....	202.74	4.06	6.00	200.80
Henry J. LeLacheur .....	100.28	2.01	2.00	100.29
Jushua Morse .....	103.25	2.07		105.32
Emma F. Packard .....	303.55	6.09	6.00	303.64
Fred A. Perkins .....	102.33	2.05	3.00	101.38
Rosa R. Shaw .....	385.28	7.74	7.00	386.02
Sarah F. Shipman .....	100.00	1.17	1.00	100.17
Orrin A. Smith .....	150.05	3.01	3.00	150.06
South Street Cemetery .....	86.66	1.73		88.39
Charles Thayer .....	199.60	4.00		203.60
Robert Tibbetts .....	100.04	2.01	2.00	100.05
Mary Elizabeth Wilson ....	200.94	4.02	4.00	200.96
	<u>\$6,528.27</u>	<u>\$130.59</u>	<u>\$122.50</u>	<u>\$6,636.36</u>

### Library Trust Funds

On hand January 1, 1941

Securities .....	\$500.00
Cash in Bank .....	18,441.87

Total Library Funds, January, 1941 .....	\$18,941.87
Income from Funds for Year ....	\$387.57
Withdrawals for Year .....	418.08
	<u>30.51</u>
On Hand December 31, 1941 .....	\$18,911.36

## DIVISION OF LIBRARY FUNDS

December 31, 1941

## Principal Amounts

	Balance Jan. 1, 1941	Receipts	Balance Dec. 31, 1941
Cornelia Alger .....	\$657.88	13.21	\$671.09
Nathan Copeland....	500.00		500.00
Mary N. K. Edgerley	500.00		500.00
Francis E. Howard..	500.00		500.00
Mary L. Perkins.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Eliza P. Dalton and Millard O. Dalton	250.00		250.00
Mary P. Whitman Fund .....	15,000.00		15,000.00
	<hr/> \$18,407.88	<hr/> \$13.21	<hr/> \$18,421.09

## Mary P. Whitman Fund:

	Balance Jan. 1, 1941	Receipts	With- drawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1941
Interest Account No. 1.....	\$448.38	\$310.59	\$345.66	\$413.31
All Other Funds:				
Interest Account No. 2.....	85.61	63.77	72.42	76.96
	<hr/> \$533.99	<hr/> \$374.36	<hr/> \$418.08	<hr/> \$490.27

## VI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
1941

## Receipts

Revenue	1940	1941
General Revenue		
Taxes:		
Property .....	\$98,673.31	\$103,341.24
Poll .....	2,014.00	2,126.00
Income .....	12,644.93	13,823.55
Corporation, etc. ....	2,050.89	3,740.95
Licenses and Permits .....	457.00	653.50
Fines and Forfeits .....	298.00	22.00

## Grants and Gifts:

From the State .....	8,326.62	9,748.05
From the County (Dog Li- censes) .....	660.31	578.95

## Commercial Revenue

## Privileges:

Motor Vehicle Excise .....	7,118.67	8,874.65
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## Departmental:

General Government .....	792.45	787.98
Protection of Persons and Property .....	38.51	34.43
Health and Sanitation .....	127.14	567.85
Highways .....	2,110.66	11,082.89
Charities .....	25,404.73	26,800.15
Soldiers Benefits .....	437.50	422.50
Schools .....	729.31	531.80
Library .....	69.86	90.14
Unclassified .....		25.72
Water Department .....	14,275.96	14,426.50
Interest .....	1,192.45	1,045.05

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	\$177,422.30	\$198,723.90
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## Non-Revenue

## Indebtedness:

## Offsets to Outlays:

Water Loans .....	\$12,033.00
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## Agency:

County Dog Tax .....	781.80	\$864.00
Trust and Investment .....	1,036.15	1,003.09
Refunds .....	80.15	52.53
Total Non-Revenue .....	\$13,931.10	\$1,919.62
Total Receipts .....	191,353.40	200,643.52
Cash Balance from Previous Years .....	40,822.33	43,858.85

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	\$232,175.73	\$244,502.37
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## Payments

## From Revenue

## Expenses:

General Government .....	\$10,720.44	\$9,681.61
Protection of Persons and Prop- erty .....	8,302.74	10,580.29
Health and Sanitation .....	1,466.39	1,327.21
Highways .....	17,024.94	24,077.73
Charities .....	39,721.35	42,085.85
Soldiers Benefits .....	1,587.62	1,012.12
Schools .....	49,573.36	48,976.00
Public Library .....	1,644.18	1,649.38
Recreation .....	481.37	542.57
Unclassified .....	9,058.91	10,009.43
Water Department .....	11,996.98	11,009.54
Cemeteries .....	127.75	121.08
Interest .....	314.61	296.92
Maturing Bonds and Notes .....	3,630.00	3,900.00
Total Expenses .....	\$155,650.64	\$165,269.73

## Outlays:

New Town Offices .....	1,754.51	48.00
Town Garage .....	1,182.38	
Schools .....	575.86	3,426.00
Highways .....		7,806.71
Water—6" Replacement ....	13,536.31	

Total Outlays from Revenue ....	17,049.06	11,280.71
Total Pay. from Revenue .....	\$172,699.70	\$176,502.44

## From Non-Revenue:

## Agency:

State Tax .....	\$8,320.00	\$9,075.00
County Tax .....	5,600.32	6,808.44
County Dog Tax .....	725.40	893.80
Trust and Investment .....	765.08	585.01
Refunds .....	206.38	399.24

Total Non-Revenue .....	\$15,617.18	\$17,761.49
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Total Payments .....	188,316.88	194,311.93
Cash balance at end of year .....	43,858.85	50,190.44
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	\$232,175.73	\$244,502.37

## VII

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

## Water Loans

	4%	4%	4%	4%	1%
	Bond	Bonds	Bond	Bond	12 Notes
Date of	Issued	Issued	Issued	Issued	Issued
Maturity	1912	1913	1914	1916	1940
1941	\$760.00	\$240.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00
1942		240.00	500.00		2,000.00
1943			500.00		2,000.00
1944			500.00		2,000.00
1945					2,000.00
1946					2,000.00
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	\$760.00	\$480.00	\$2,000.00	\$400.00	\$12,000.00

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1941:

### MAINTENANCE

I have gone through the same routine as in the past years, scraping and gravel patching the few gravel roads that still remain in town. I have also done a great deal of black patching and Tarvia seal coating on roads mentioned.

The Highway Department has been building a great many black top roads and the Selectmen and I thought this was the year to seal coat roads that needed attention.

#### List of Roads Sealed

Arch Street	.2 Mile
Ash Street	.2 Mile
Bedford Street	.1 Mile
Brook Place	.4 Mile
Commonwealth Avenue	.3 Mile
Cross Street	.2 Mile
Cyr Street	.1 Mile
Ellis Avenue	.1 Mile
Howard Street	.7 Mile
Keenan Street	.3 Mile
Manley Street	.5 Mile
Matfield Street	.3 Mile
Pleasant Street	.5 Mile
River Street	300 Feet
Samuel Avenue	.1 Mile
Sinnott Street	.2 Mile
South Street	1 Mile
South Elm Street	.4 Mile
Thayer Avenue	.3 Mile
Vital Avenue	300 Feet



### **TARVIA NEW ROADS**

Hillside Avenue—Gravel filled, ready for top.

Plain Street—A black top on road, 100 ft. in length in front of Bennett's Store.

Walnut Street—1,500 feet.

### **CHAPTER 90—TARVIA ROADS**

A tarvia top road was built on North Elm Street, a distance of 2,000 feet in length. The bridge at North Elm Street was taken out and filled in with a black top road.

### **SEAL COATED ROADS**

South Elm Street was sealed for a distance of 1.2 miles; West Street a distance of 1.7 miles; Belmont Street for a distance of .45 miles was sealed in with what is called a "mixed-in-place" road tar and crushed stone cover. I hope everybody will take notice of this road.

### **W. P. A.**

Labor from the W. P. A. was used on the bridge at North Elm Street and in carting 1,500 yards of gravel on Walnut Street.

### **FENCES AND SIGNS**

I have had the street signs relettered and painted this year, fences repaired on bridges and other dangerous places, traffic lines painted on dangerous curves and stop signs put up at bad street intersections.

### **DRAINAGE**

On East Center Street a drainage system was laid from Mr. Purdy's house to Mr. Haywards, and also the road shoulders were widened.

A two-foot cement pipe was laid on North Elm Street Bridge, a distance of 75 feet in length, also a 16-inch pipe was laid on the corner of Prospect and West Center Streets for a distance of 200 feet, and two catch basins were built on North Elm Street Bridge.

## REMARKS

It is impossible for me to tell all the work that has been done on roads, but I have tried to take care of them to the best of my ability by keeping them safe and not too bad to travel on. I would like to see the Town build some black top sidewalks.

On the snow problem I try to plow as soon as possible, but it takes time to go over 45 miles of road with three trucks. I also plow roads that are not public, so that children can go to school. All bills can be seen at the Town Accountant's office. I would like to have the townspeople visit the Town Garage, which I feel very proud of.

In closing I want to thank the Finance Committee and the Selectmen for their wonderful co-operation with me in my work, also the men that worked under me.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. TUCKER,

*Superintendent of Streets.*

## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

The changing of the grade and filling on North Elm Street, where the bridge was removed, necessitated the lowering of about 450 feet of eight inch main and the replacing of hydrants, gates and services for that distance.

Twenty-one new services were installed during the year and fourteen old services were renewed with copper tubing. This work was spread over the following streets:

Central Square  
Cyr Street  
Howard Street  
Manley Street  
Keenan Street  
Maolis Avenue  
North Main Street  
Prospect Street  
River Street  
South Main Street  
Union Street  
Walnut Street  
West Center Street  
North Elm Street

On Keenan Street 300 feet of new main was laid. This was done in addition to the regular work of repairing leaks in the mains and services.

The equipment of the Water Department remains in good condition at the close of the year, and there is a reasonable supply of tools and materials on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE SOUSA,  
*Superintendent.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWN OF  
WEST BRIDGEWATER  
FOR THE YEAR  
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## MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lloyd P. Tyrer, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires 1944
Harvey A. Scranton	Term expires 1942
Roger F. Tracy	Term expires 1942
Clare E. Parker	Term expires 1943
Henry F. Woodward	Term expires 1943
Sherman H. Perkins	Term expires 1944

### Superintendent of Schools

Charles G. Taylor

Office: Howard High School Telephone Brockton 5094

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### School Physician

Adolor O. Belmore, M.D.

### School Nurse

Mrs. Lillian M. Hewitt

### School Attendance Officer

Douglas Eaton

# DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS

Teacher	School	Subject or Grade	
Nils G. Lindell, B.S., Ed.M.	High	Principal and Mathematics	Tufts, Harvard
Ruth E. Ernst, B.S.	"	Household Arts	Framingham Teachers'
Arthur L. Frelick, B.Sc., M.S.	"	Science	Mass. Agr. College
Mrs. Myrtle Marden (Subst.) B.S. in Ed.	"	Commercial	Salem Teachers'
Robert C. Morton	"	Manual Arts	New Bedford Voc.
J. Roy Newton, A.B., Ed.M.	"	English	Yale, N. H. Univ.
Mrs. Margaret Russell (Subst.) B.S. in Ed.	"	Commercial	Salem Teachers'
Janice M. Rylander, A.B.	"	Languages	Boston University
Clarice J. Weeden, A.B., A.M., Ed.M.	"	Social Studies	Wellesley, Clark, B. U.
Benjamin D. Thomas	Center	Principal and Grade 8	Castine Normal
Ellen F. Kett	"	Grade 7	Hyannis Teachers'
Elinore Spencer, B.S. in Ed.	"	Grade 6	Bridgewater Teachers
Alice M. Guinea, B.S. in Ed.	"	Grade 4-5	Bridgewater Teachers
Miriam T. Hall	"	Grade 3-4	Fitchburg Teachers'
Mrs. Gertrude A. Pillsbury	"	Grade 1-2	Hyannis Summer Sch.
Mrs. Theresa M. Miller	Sunset Ave.	Principal and Grades 7, 8	Brockton Bus. U.
Richard J. Farrell, B.S. in Ed.	"	Grade 5-6	Bridgewater
Marian E. Cushman, B.S. in Ed.	"	Grade 3-4	Bridgewater
Myrtle Davison	"	Grade 1-2	Castine Normal
Wilmar C. Harlow, B. S. in Ed.	Cochesett	Principal and Grades 4, 5, 6	Bridgewater
Marian B. Turski	"	Grades 1, 2, 3	Castine Normal
Gertrude J. Ward	Matfield	Grades 1, 2, 3	Perry Kindergarten
Mary Nelson, B.S. in Ed.	Jerusalem	Grades 1-5	Bridgewater
Mrs. Lois J. Snow	All	Super. of Music.	Hyannis Teachers'
Charles G. Taylor, A. B., Ed.M.	All	Superintendent	U. of Me., Harvard





## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Expenditures 1941	Estimate 1942
1. Administration .....	\$3895.63	\$3610.00
2. Expenses of Instruction		
Teachers Salaries .....	28769.81	32250.00
Books and Supplies .....	3807.26	2700.00
	<hr/> 32577.07	<hr/> 34950.00
3. Expenses of Operation		
Janitors .....	2514.33	2680.00
Fuel .....	2082.94	2200.00
Misc. Exp. Operation .....	741.18	650.00
	<hr/> 5338.45	<hr/> 5530.00
4. Maintenance .....	1234.60	1100.00
5. Auxiliary Agencies		
Library .....	100.00	100.00
Health .....	1177.82	1220.00
Tuition .....	240.45	300.00
Transportation .....	3095.00	3090.00
Misc. Expense .....	148.46	100.00
	<hr/> 4761.73	<hr/> 4810.00
6. Outlay .....	648.52	.....
	<hr/> 48456.00	<hr/> 50000.00
Total .....	48456.00	
Balance .....	1519.00	
	<hr/> 49975.00	
Appropriation .....	49975.00	
Reimbursement		
On account of Superinten-		
dent's Salary and Trans-		
portation .....	1303.64	

Part I, Chapter 70 .....	6750.00	
State Ward Tuition .....	351.00	
City Ward Tuition .....	531.80	
Vocational Tuition .....	389.09	
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Total .....	9325.53	
Net Operation Cost to Town for 1941 .....	39130.47	
Household Arts		
Special Town Appropriation .....	650.00	
Federal and State Grant .....	650.00	
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		1300.00
Expended .....	520.00	
Balance		
From Commonwealth...	130.00	
From Town .....	650.00	
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		1300.00
Sunset Avenue Heating		
Special Town Appropriation .....	3500.00	
Expended .....	3426.00	
Balance .....	74.00	
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		3500.00
Summary		
Expenditures		
Operating .....	48456.00	
Sunset Avenue Heating	3426.00	
Household Arts .....	520.00	
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	52402.00	
Receipts		
From Commonwealth	9975.53	
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Total Net School Costs .....	42426.47	

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the citizens of West Bridgewater:

As in previous years, your Committee is pleased to report steady progress in the improvement of the school system, both from an educational and physical standpoint.

The retirement of Mr. Ernest W. Robinson, Superintendent, who had served the town faithfully for the past 12 years, necessitated the election of a new superintendent by the Joint Committee of Raynham and West Bridgewater. After many meetings, and careful consideration, Mr. Charles G. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools of Nantucket, Massachusetts was elected for a three year term.

### Education

Careful study of the educational structure of our system has been made by the superintendent and committee with the result that a planned program has been arranged and already put in operation to unify all grades in the matter of text books and procedure.

### Teachers' Salaries

Attention is called to the increase in the estimated school budget for 1942 over the actual expenditures for 1941. This is caused, in part, by your committee's request that the voters, to offset the increase in living costs, grant to the teachers a temporary 5% raise in salary effective March 1, 1942. This percentage to be figured on all salaries up to \$2000 only, excluding the superintendent. This is not to be considered a permanent increase but rather a subject to be discussed and voted upon yearly as long as conditions as they are today continue to exist.

### Repairs and Outlay

The committee is highly satisfied with the new heating plant recently installed in the Sunset Avenue

School, eliminating three heaters. It is our expectation that this system will materially reduce the cost of heating that building. It was our intention that this project be a beginning and that this year we should ask for a sum of money to install an adequate heating plant in the Center School eliminating five hot air and one gas heaters. We have decided to forego this request for the present for the following reasons:

1. Economy

We realize the tremendous tax burden which every taxpayer will have to bear because of the war.

2. Rise of Prices

Prices will be high on all such equipment.

3. Inability to obtain equipment of this nature.

4. Recent improvement in heating situation.

Both buildings have been equipped with storm windows to facilitate the heating.

The Manual Training room in the basement of the rear Center School has been enlarged to accommodate more boys and equipment and adequately serves the purpose intended. However, a great deal of thought should be given to a plan for more extensive shop work for boys—thereby fitting them to take their places in industry as trained men.

During the past summer all rooms of the Center School, Cochesett and Jerusalem Schools were thoroughly painted, color scheme being carefully chosen and lighting improved.

### **Proposed Land Purchase**

Your committee has inserted an article in the warrant asking for \$2000 for the purchase of a plot of land opposite the Center School. This land has been used for years as a playground for the school children. The land is for sale and it would be unfortunate if it ceased to be available for school purposes. At the present time

the older boys use it throughout the year to practice their various sports under the direction of Mr. Thomas. The Center School grounds are not satisfactory for baseball and football.

We feel, furthermore, that this land would be an ideal location if, in the future, a new school house is erected. Leaders in the field of school housing recommend that a school site have not less than ten acres. Such acreage allows for landscaping, parking space, and adequate playgrounds and athletic fields. For these reasons and because the price of \$2000 seems reasonable we believe the Town should acquire this property at the present time.

#### **Aid Raid Precautions**

Your committee has made a study of proper procedure relative to schools during an air raid and have adopted the method used by other towns and cities and in England, of keeping pupils in the schools under proper supervision.

Arrangements have been made for teachers and students to be trained in First Aid and all buildings are being properly equipped to combat incendiary bombs and fires caused by them.

#### **School Entering Age**

The committee has adopted a new school entering age effective with the opening of school in September, 1942.

Any child who is five years of age on or before January 1st may enter school the following September.

This policy is in keeping with the general trend throughout the state and country. An entering age of approximately six years has been proved most likely to lead to successful reading ability. While our new entering age admits younger than six years we feel that it is a step in the right direction. Boys and girls today



are finishing high school courses much younger than advisable. This change will lengthen to some extent their stay in school.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD P. TYRER, *Chairman*

CLARE PARKER

SHERMAN PERKINS

HARVEY SCRANTON

ROGER F. TRACY

HENRY F. WOODWARD

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gentlemen :

I take pleasure in submitting my first annual report as Superintendent of West Bridgewater Schools.

This year, as in years past, the job of the schools is four fold: to provide training throughout the twelve grades that may be of later vocational value; to provide cultural training so that our civilization may continue to progress towards the finer things of life; to provide a health program, both in theory and practice, so that our graduates will measure up throughout the years of their adult lives; to provide a social-civic training in order that our citizens may understand the values in our way of life and be in a position to preserve and strengthen it through the years.

### Vocational Aims

The tendency in thinking of vocational preparation generally includes those obvious high school subjects in the commercial or industrial arts courses. It is perhaps proper to broaden this concept to include all grades and much of the subject matter of each. For instance, arithmetic, language, and science in the elementary school must come into the vocational classification because these subjects are the base upon which are built the specific skills of later years. In the high school, English, foreign languages, science, and mathematics are prerequisite for college entrance. These subjects, then, become vocational in nature because they lead to the type of specific training offered in the colleges. Home economics, too, leads not only to jobs, but to that greatest of all vocations, home management. The girls of West Bridgewater are especially fortunate in having such a program available. The reports of the high school principal and the household arts supervisor discuss the program in much detail.

The commercial work and manual training are, as mentioned above, obviously vocational in nature. As pointed out in Mr. Morton's report the time allotted to manual training is entirely inadequate to produce skilled workers. Without doubt a complete four year program of general industrial arts is needed to make the high school program more complete. Such a program would broaden the present wood working to include, perhaps, sheet metal, electrical, plumbing, and elementary machine shop work. During the first two or three years the boys would have training in all of the fields offered, and would specialize in one during the remaining time. This program would in no sense be equivalent to that offered in a trade school. It would, however, make it possible for a boy to go to work immediately as a helper or would lessen the length of time required for further training at a trade school. The exploratory nature of such a program should not be lost sight of. By having experience in several of the skilled trades a boy can earlier and more easily discover his particular aptitudes and interests.

### Health Program

The health program in any school system may be divided into three parts. The work of the school doctor and the school nurse is one. Their work includes the physical examinations, arrangement for correction of defects, organizing clinics either for the discovery or correction of defects or prevention of disease, and classes in First Aid. You are referred to the reports of the doctor and nurse for a more complete discussion of their work and recommendations.

Another part of the school health work is that of continuous and systematic instruction in the classroom. This should begin in the first grade with health readers and continue throughout the whole school life of the child.

The third part in the health program is that ordinarily thought of as the physical education program. No amount of theory can take the place of well planned physical activity. Exercises and games of the proper type not only develop strong bodies; they develop co-ordination of mind and body which is often so noticeably lacking in boys and girls; and they improve poor posture which is the basis of many physical difficulties in adults. Not the least valuable part of this work is the discovery and correction of individual posture difficulties. Special exercises are recommended for daily practice at home by the individual pupil. Today when good health is being recognized more and more as a national problem, a physical education director is an invaluable part of the staff of every school system.

It may well be recognized that if all four of these aims are attained in a school system, our people will have vocational competence, have an appreciation of and participation in the finer things of life, have strong healthy bodies, and will be able to take their places in our democracy as understanding, cooperative, responsible citizens.

### **Text Books**

Text books are the tools of the teacher. A continuous program of addition to and replacement of our text books is a necessity. The program of strengthening our primary reading, which had been previously begun, has been continued. At the present time all of the primary grades are supplied with new basic reading materials. The present reading system is edited by Dr. William Gray, a man with a national reputation in the teaching of reading. It is based on sound principles, as attested by the success of earlier editions, and incorporates the best of the newer ideas in this field. Too much emphasis cannot be put upon the importance of primary reading. Reading is the base upon which all school work rests. This year the introduction to reading in the first grade was made at a slower rate

and included more pre-reading and reading readiness activities. The results, as indicated by the teachers, show a greater vocabulary mastery on the part of more pupils. This obviously leads to more complete and satisfactory reading ability, accompanied by a greater interest and desire for reading. It is important to note that to a marked degree it is the younger children who have the most difficulty in the first grade. This is true in all school systems and is responsible for the general raising of the entering age. Experiment, as well as actual experience, shows that a minimum entering age of six years is the most satisfactory.

The next step will be to supply the primary grades with a variety of supplementary readers. That is, readers which supplement the basic reading system. Variety of material adds incentive to reading, as the finishing of one book and the beginning of another stimulates the pupils. The information gained in the breadth of reading has much value as well. In addition to regular story books, the program will include social study readers which help pupils in their adjustment to society at their own age level, safety readers by means of which the pupils have a constant guide to safe procedures, and health stories which lay the foundation for the complete health program.

### Visual Education

There is nothing new in the use of visual aids in education. Broadly speaking any knowledge received through the use of pictures or concrete objects as contrasted with the printed word can be classed as visual education. The development of the motion picture for classroom use has, however, provided the school with a new and important aid in teaching. For a number of years the high school has used motion pictures. This year the program has been expanded to include the whole school system. We have taken a membership in the New England Educational Film Association which makes available films of all kinds at reduced rentals.



Mr. Arthur Frellick is in charge of developing the use of motion pictures, and the high school, through the Operators Club, has made available its machine. For the rest of this year the procedure will be experimental in nature. It is expected that by Fall the teachers will have become well acquainted with the possibilities of this service and will plan a series of films to correlate with the subject matter of the classroom.

### **The School and the War**

This country was founded on the principle that education was essential to the way of life believed in by our founders. This principle has stood the test of time. Thinking in terms of the four broad aims discussed at the beginning of this report, the job of the school today is to evaluate itself as never before, and to progress toward the more complete fulfillment of these aims. The world situation today has made us realize fully that our democratic principles must be studied and restudied so that every one will have a full understanding and appreciation of their true meaning and values. We must look ahead to the future beyond the war so that when peace comes we shall have aggressive, healthy, civic minded, vocationally trained citizens.

During this emergency period the school must be an agency for building morale; it must inculcate a sense of the need for sacrifice and a need for the best efforts of every individual, old and young. That our teachers recognize this is shown by the fine record of our pupils in purchasing Defense Savings Stamps, in their efforts in cooperation with the Red Cross knitting and sewing projects, in their response to the First Aid classes being conducted for them, and particularly, perhaps, in the seriousness and efficiency with which they are responding to the arrangements for air raid protection.

### **Air Raid Precautions**

The School Committee, after much study of all factors involved, decided that the best policy would be to keep the pupils at school in case of an air raid alarm.



This decision is in conformity with the official recommendations of the national and state Committees for Civilian Defense. Experience in England shows that notwithstanding the almost continuous raids, no school has ever been hit by a bomb when the children were in it. This information comes from Captain Helen MacGregor Paul in conference with officials of the State Department of Education.

Air raid precautions in our schools have been developed through meetings of the principals and the superintendent. Each building was studied to find the place in it that most nearly meets the recommendations for shelters. Weekly drills are being held so that the children will become used to going quietly and in an orderly manner to the assigned place. It is amazing how seriously the pupils take these drills and how eager they are that everything shall be done just right.

We are continuously adding to the effectiveness of the precautions as new information comes in. Every effort is being made, and will continue to be made, to ensure the safety of our children in a time of emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. TAYLOR,  
Superintendent.

## REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Mr. Charles G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as Principal of Howard High School.

The repercussion of war conflicts in Europe and Africa, the development of the Lend-Lease program, the repeal of the Neutrality Act, the dastardly sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, and finally the entrance of United States into the world conflict, have placed the problem of defense and preservation of our democracy foremost in the minds of all loyal Americans. As a vital part of this problem is education, the question arises as to what part should be played by the secondary school. It seems clear that the High School should concentrate its efforts along lines of normalcy, insofar as possible, and co-operate in every way with national and civilian defense. Also, the schools must rededicate themselves to the teaching of the appreciation and understanding of democratic institutions, develop an efficiency of co-operation in an emergency, and equip the students with what it takes to facilitate adjustments which will be imperative during and after the present upheaval.

A great deal of enthusiasm has been shown on the part of the students in the High School in their desire to aid in the present emergency. More than 70 students expressed their interest in Red Cross First Aid Courses, while others volunteered to sew and knit, and still others have given their services in typewriting to the civilian defense both afternoons and during vacation. Classes in First Aid and Home Nursing are being

planned to utilize this enthusiastic response. In addition, the school is planning definite co-operation with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety in giving instruction in certain phases of air raid precautions as recommended by the State Department of Education. This instruction will be correlated with work already being done in the school.

In my report of last year I recommended the expansion of our part time course in household arts to a full time vocational course employing a regular teacher. This growth has come about through co-operation with the State Department of Education and is meeting with enthusiastic response from girls enrolled in the course. It is now possible for students to take an intensive two year program of household arts preparing for home management and entrance in some vocational aspect of the work, followed by two years of intensive commercial preparation. Thus, these girls obtain a basic training sufficiently intensified and diversified for selling their services in two separate fields, or more ideally, in a single vocational field employing both types of training. A more detailed account of the Household Arts Department will be found in the supervisor's report.

The needs of an effective Manual Arts Program have grown far beyond the scope of our present course in manual training. Although educationally justified by teaching the use of a limited number of tools for the home and farm, the training given in co-ordinating hand and mind, the inspiration which comes from creative effort, and the encouragement often given to the boy not academically minded, its objectives must be expanded to meet modern demands so that our boys may compete for jobs more nearly on an equal basis with graduates of other high schools. With emphasis definitely placed upon industrial efficiency for defense for some years to come, and with the apparent likelihood of the continuance of this trend in the years following the war, it seems logical that the school should

assume some responsibility for making adequate vocational adjustment. Placing our shop work on a full time basis, adding new equipment consistent with local financial needs and defense limitations, and reorganizing shop materials and procedure to include production on an industrial basis, would seem to be steps necessary to meet this situation.

For some years the necessity has been increasing for the allotment of more time than could be given in connection with the regular course in United States History, for the development of a deeper appreciation of our democratic institutions and for a more intensive study of our economic, social and political problems. The weight of existing teachers' schedules and extensiveness of subject material as obstacles have been overcome by eliminating economics as a separate course and fusing a minimum of its basic principles and problems with those of a social and political nature into a course streamlined to meet modern needs and trends.

Much has been written and said about the importance of English, both written and spoken. Shortcomings of our students in this field have been long recognized, and difficulties and failures in other subjects have been readily traced to inability to read, write, and speak effectively. Directed at the correction of the individual's deficiencies, regular opportunity classes are now being conducted after school.

For the first time in many years the school has a well qualified paid director of the school's orchestra. Although low in membership, the orchestra is progressing with excellent results. It is to be deplored that so many students enter high school without musical instrument preparation. A good high school orchestra or band cannot be produced without material coming from the lower grades. An enthusiastic response from parents of elementary students in this connection is hoped for. The music supervisor's report amply discusses the chorus work done in the school.

In my previous reports I have repeatedly called attention to the need for a well formulated program of physical education. Although health is an undisputed aim of the secondary school, we do little beyond fragmentary instruction given principally in science and civics, the statutory requirements for physical examinations, and a limited athletic program. Participation in exercises is voluntary and no significant correction of physical defects is attempted. Moreover, selective military service medical examinations have spotlighted deficiencies of health education. If we are to send forth our youth well equipped to face life in a complex society, we cannot long continue to fail in providing for them a well rounded program of physical education, through which they are able to maintain maximum physical efficiency in adult life.

Recent studies in the field of nutrition have revealed an alarmingly high percentage of high school students lacking in adequate nutrition especially before coming to school in the morning. This condition is probably due to lack of nutrition value knowledge or lack of adequate financial income. In our household arts department how to purchase, prepare, and serve economic yet nutritious food is treated from a practical point of view. In order to assist in this important health activity the school has made application to participate in the program of surplus food commodities. By this plan certain foods would be made available to be served with the regular food now available at lunch time at no extra cost either to the school or its students.

I have previously discussed the importance of a well rounded activity program—a program rapidly becoming widely recognized as a powerful educational factor rivaling the formal curriculum in its claim upon the interest and attention of students, and the time and energy of teachers. In addition to activities of last year a bowling league has been organized, and a cheer leaders group formed. Bowling, under excellent con-



ditions, belongs to a group of wholesome recreational activities such as tennis and golf, which have long adult possibilities, and therefore should be encouraged. The cheer leaders group, in addition to personal benefits, is a strong factor in maintaining support for our athletic teams and in strengthening our school spirit.

In conclusion, I wish to express my grateful appreciation to you, the School Committee, the Trustees of the Howard Funds, the teachers, and other friends of the school for the helpful guidance and loyal support given me.

Respectfully submitted,

NILS G. LINDELL, Principal



## REPORT OF SHOP AND MECHANICAL DRAWING INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Charles Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As Shop and Mechanical Drawing instructor, I take pleasure in presenting a resume of the progress made in the establishment of these two subjects as part of the Howard High School Curriculum.

Shop only was first introduced in September, 1937 two days each week, and in September, 1938 the related subject Mechanical Drawing was offered. These two subjects have since been taught three days each week—Shop, two days—Drawing, one day.

As the enrollment in Shop had grown from forty-nine in the school year 1937-1938 to seventy-seven during the school year 1940-1941, it became apparent that more Shop space and equipment was justified.

During the past summer, the Shop in the Center School was enlarged to nearly double its former size, making working conditions much more efficient. Some new equipment has also been added.

The number of pupils enrolled in the Shop course is now eighty-three. Since the Mechanical Drawing course was first offered, the number of pupils has increased from twenty-six, to forty-three at the present time.

The eighth grade boys now have the opportunity for Shop instruction one hour each week. Both Shop and Mechanical Drawing are offered as two year courses to the high school boys—Shop, four periods each week—Mechanical Drawing, two periods each week.

Specially adapted pupils are allowed to elect both Shop and Mechanical Drawing a third year if school facilities and their programs may be so arranged.

These high school boys receive approximately four weeks Shop instruction, and two weeks Drawing instruction during their two year course which makes it very apparent we cannot produce craftsmen or draftsmen. However, any amount of this type of training which they can receive is of definite benefit to them in many ways. They can realize their capabilities and determine whether or not they are adapted to continue in this type of endeavor. This type of training is also of special advantage in the development of co-ordination of hand and mind.

I am of the belief that boys who show a particular aptitude for things of a mechanical nature should be given the opportunity to have a considerably larger amount of Shop instruction.

During the next few years, many of these boys will be engaged in some phase of mechanical endeavor, and every bit of training they can possibly absorb will be of invaluable benefit to them and to our national effort.

May I thank all those who have helped to make possible the establishment of these courses in the town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. MORTON.

## REPORT OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS SUPERVISOR

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To Mr. Charles G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As household arts supervisor it gives me great pleasure to submit my annual report on the work covered in this department during the past year.

This year our program has been greatly revised and enlarged. In place of the general household arts course we have been fortunate, since September, in having a vocational household arts department which includes all phases of home making. To me, this is a definite stride ahead since it provides for more time in which to carry out a more effective program. In the past, only one day a week was allotted to foods and one to clothing which meant, of course, that only the very necessary things could be taken up. Now we can have an entire week in which to cover our work and it goes without saying that much more can be accomplished.

One of the very fine points about this new course is the way in which it is planned. Not only is a girl able to avail herself of the opportunities afforded in the vocational household arts course, but also those which are found in the commercial course. In this way any girl, who definitely has no college intentions, can secure an education which will give her two opportunities for a more successful future. This being the case, it seems to me that every girl who can, should take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Formerly the girls were only able to prepare parts of recipes and meals. As we all know, no home maker would consider preparing such amounts and so that type of food preparation was far from practical. Now the girls prepare whole recipes and meals which is more true to actual home situations. Not only does the girl learn about proper food preparation, but also has to order food economically and understand the importance of good nutrition. Ever since the beginning of the war in Europe, nutrition has been stressed more and more. In this connection, I have been fortunate in being able to secure Mrs. Dunbar of Brockton Gas Light Company and Mrs. Burgess of Brockton Edison Company who gave excellent demonstrations on the use and care of both gas and electric stoves and also in the preparation of various types of foods so as to preserve all their nutritional value. Both demonstrations definitely proved that "A healthy America is a strong America."

As well as preparing meals for their own consumption, the girls prepare food for other purposes. So far they have taken care of the food for two teas and the dessert and molded salad for a church dinner. The sophomore class made a wedding cake which was a huge success. It is good for the girls to work in large quantities and I welcome an opportunity to do this. However, it is most important that we do not exploit the girls.

The importance of clothing construction and care is stressed as well as fabrics and good taste in the selection. The girls not only construct garments for themselves, but also whenever the opportunity presents itself, for others as well. If a girl is ahead of schedule or if for some legitimate reason, she is unable to secure material right away for her clothing problem, we have Red Cross work for her to do. This is especially good as it gives much practice on the sewing machine. It is not our intention to make expert seamstresses out of the girls, but rather to enable them to properly care

for the clothing they already have and to make simple garments so as to save as much money as possible. With conditions as they are at the present time it is more important than ever that every girl know the fundamentals of sewing and how to apply these fundamentals.

One of the requirements of this program is the home project. Home projects are of definite value to the girl and her home since they enable her to apply the knowledge she has acquired in school to home situations. These projects aid her in accepting some of the responsibilities which come with the running of a home. They also help her to accomplish things outside of the home more efficiently and with more confidence in herself. I believe in the home project since I have seen what an important part it can play in better home living. I sincerely hope that the parents will understand the importance of the home projects and will assist in any way possible to make them successful and worthwhile.

Last spring an exhibition was held showing all the garments made by the girls. This is an annual custom and might well be held in the evening as it will mean many more parents will be able to attend.

In conclusion I thank all those who have in any way helped to bring this new program to the school.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH E. ERNST.



## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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Mr. Charles G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report of the work in music in the schools of West Bridgewater this past year.

The youngest children were encouraged to be free and spontaneous in expressing themselves in the singing of rote songs. The middle grades were stimulated through competition in learning the technical problems of time and theory and new tonal figures. And the oldest pupils were encouraged to overcome diffidence and a natural shyness and self-consciousness by much unison chorus work.

Special attention was focused at all times on tone quality. In the case of beginners many devices were employed to bring out the sweet head tones. To the inexperienced it is difficult to point out the difference between the head and the chest tones and unless this can be made clear harsh, strident singing is a result. Good choral work does not mean quantity of tone. It is a necessary part of a child's musical education to be able to recognize and to appreciate the beauty of a pure flowing tone and the added richness in harmonious tonal combinations.

No child is excluded from the music lesson because he cannot sing. Through the listening habit he may become a music lover and not only add to his own pleasurable experiences but bring joy to those with whom he is associated.



The enrollment in the High School Chorus continues to be large. This is very encouraging and speaks well for the interest of the students since chorus is elective. A group of this size however, is unwieldy and very little specialized work can be done. A selective group for girls' and boys' glee clubs would give opportunity to those particularly interested in more advanced training. A better balance of parts could thus be arranged and the participants would enjoy the new experience of male and female choruses as compared with the unbalanced mixed chorus of our present group.

In the spring the schools—with the exception of the Center and High—presented a Calendar of Music in observance of Music Week. I should like, right here, to express my thanks to the parents and teachers for their personal cooperation in making this entertainment a success. I have found through experience working with both old and young people that any musical performance must please the eye as well as the ear. Perhaps if the eye is gratified the ear is not so easily offended. Hence, costuming and a certain amount of stage setting are necessary. Children do so much better if they are "dressed up" for a part.

The proceeds from the entertainment and the sale of candy were used to defray expenses of costuming, tickets, and programs, and the balance \$7.60 was divided equally among the several schools taking part. Two sets of rhythm band instruments were purchased, a set of community song books, a radio and a phonograph repaired and many records bought for lessons in music appreciation.

A music memory contest will be held in the spring. A suggestive list of some of the world's best music has been placed in the hands of the teachers of the four upper grades. Pupils should be able to recognize and to name a large percentage of these by the time they leave the eighth grade.

For the first four grades the lessons in music appreciation will consist in learning to listen. This will come through concentration and discrimination and the recognition of familiar themes.

It is hoped that this project will open the way for the child's interpretation, understanding and achievement of some of the cultural beauty that is found in the music of the masters.

Our Forefathers, 300 years ago, sang praises to God who brought them unscathed through peril. The future of this great nation is in the hands of our youth. Great is the privilege; great the responsibility. May our boys and girls go forward with voices ringing.

Yours truly,

LOIS J. SNOW,  
Supervisor of Music.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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To the Superintendent of Schools and  
School Committee.

Gentlemen:

I have, since taking over my duties as School Physician of the Town, on March 1, 1941, diligently exercised my ability and services for the benefit and health of the pupils of the schools of this Town; and with the splendid assistance of Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, School Nurse, I feel quite confident that we have accomplished some improvement in relation to the health of our school children. I would like to emphasize here that under these doubtful and trying days that the American youth needs good education and above all good physical health, as never before in the history of our Country. I emphatically urge the parents and the people of West Bridgewater to have faith in their public schools, and to support them. I ask the co-operation of the parents in endeavoring to keep their children in good health, so that they may attain the standards of health superior to any community in this Commonwealth.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held at the Town Hall in May of this year. Under the direction and cooperation of the Board of Health, and assisted by Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, I gave three inoculations, two weeks apart, of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin, to twenty-eight children; there were no reactions—results obtained satisfactory.

I have made inspections of the sanitary conditions of all school buildings, and found them to be in accord with the requirements of the Board of Health.

This year we had an epidemic of contagious diseases in this community, of which whooping cough, measles and mumps were prevalent and one case of

scarlet fever. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, these cases were followed up, and with the assistance of the Board of Health, we were able to check the spread of these diseases to a considerable degree. As school physician and health officer, I wish to thank the parents for their loyalty and promptness in reporting these diseases to the Board of Health, for by so doing they have made it possible for adequate quarantine and at the same time have saved many children from loss of school and also without a doubt have prevented many of them from infection.

In September the annual physical examination of all the pupils of the schools was made. A thorough examination of the lungs, tonsils, throat, heart, ears and spine was made to 651 children, and the various abnormalities noted were: infected tonsils, caries teeth, heart murmurs, spinal defects and asthma; for the exact number of these cases, you may refer to the report of the school nurse.

I wish to emphasize and urge the parents to make frequent inspection of their children's teeth, to see that they are kept clean, and if decayed have them taken care of as soon as possible. Bad teeth may be the predisposing cause of many serious conditions and also complications, such as streptococcus infection, perforated tonsils and mastoids, and, if pus is present and absorbed by the system, they may develop rheumatic conditions and later in life diseases of the heart.

In concluding my annual report I assure you it is with gratification, except for the diseases and defects stated above, to find the physical health of our pupils in such good condition, both mentally and physically, and I wish to express my grateful appreciation to Mr. Charles G. Taylor and to the School Committee for the confidence they have placed in me, and to Mrs. Hewitt who has with faithfulness and generosity assisted me.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BELMORE,  
School Physician.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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Mr. Charles Taylor  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as school nurse. Throughout the year routine health inspections have been made, and findings reported to the school physician, teachers have been consulted and home visits made. Consultations and arrangements for clinic hospital operations have been made. Two cases were referred to the Orthopedic Clinic and accepted. One asthma case was treated over a period of time and three cases were referred to the Habit Clinic with good results. Fourteen problem children were referred to the traveling psychometric clinic and were examined.

All children were given a physical examination by Dr. A. O. Belmore, school physician.

80 notices were sent to parents of children in the elementary grades for removal of tonsils and adenoids.

15 notices for defective hearing caused by hardened wax.

6 for defective vision.

3 for heart murmurs.

2 for defective spine.

3 for asthma.

201 Howard High pupils were examined.

9 notices were sent for defective teeth.

5 notices were sent for tonsils.

1 for heart murmur.

1 for asthma.

1 for nerves.



The Doctor found a child with a dislocated vertebra, an X-Ray proved it and remedial treatment followed.

The diphtheria clinic was conducted by Dr. A. O. Belmore through the Board of Health. Toxin anti-toxin was administered to 28 children, three doses each.

Early in May an epidemic of measles occurred, a total of 57 cases being recorded. Sunset Avenue district had the greatest number of cases. Whooping cough has been prevalent during the winter and most of the summer, over 30 cases being reported. One case of infantile paralysis occurring in a pre-school child was reported.

Hearing tests were done by the audiometer. Out of 132 tested, 12 were found to have some hearing loss, a very small percentage. Later Dr. Belmore used a special light, the ophthalmoscope, to examine the ears of all the pupils finding many with hardened wax. This examination was a great benefit, it never having been done before.

Three pupils have been furnished with glasses by parents. Ten others were found with defective vision.

Dr. Edwin Tobin of Boston conducted the Dental Clinic examining all pupils and sending notices.

140 were treated.

12 unfinished.

474 operations such as cleaning, filling and extractions.

The Grange, Scouts, K. A. Club, the Unitarian Women's Alliance, Cochesett Missionary Society and Red Cross made possible relief from human suffering.

The storm windows at the Center School and window curtains at Sunset Avenue School which were recommended by Dr. Belmore have been installed and are greatly appreciated.



As the year draws to a close your nurse has completed the fifth lesson on Junior Red Cross First-Aid Course to help the defense program. The class numbers 35 and on completion of the course all having a passing mark of 75 will be awarded a Junior Red Cross certificate. This class is at the Center 8th grade. Beginning in January I hope to have a similar class at Sunset Avenue School.

I have attended nurses' meetings, nutrition lectures and nurses' conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. HEWITT,  
School Nurse.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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### HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1941

Howard Hall, June eighteen  
at eight o'clock

### CLASS OFFICERS

President .....Gardner Lothrop  
Vice President .....Alice Dean  
Secretary .....Lillian Ventura  
Treasurer .....Bertha Washwell

Motto—Not Luck, but Pluck

Class Colors.....Rose and White  
Class Flower.....Rose

### PROGRAM

1. March—Festival March Mendelssohn  
Howard High School Orchestra
2. Prayer  
Reverend John Hershey
3. Music—Friend of Mine Wilfrid Sanderson  
Howard High School Chorus
4. Address—The Measure of Success  
Nathan H. Gist
5. Piano Solo—Springtime Corrino  
Lieberstraum Liszt  
Alice Dean
6. Presentation of Class Gift  
Gardner Lothrop  
President of Class of 1941

7. Acceptance for School  
Julian Lucini  
President of Class of 1942
8. Presentation of Awards  
Washington and Franklin Medal  
Good Citizenship  
Class of 1940 Scholarship  
Principal Nils G. Lindell
9. Marche Militaire Shubert  
Howard High School Orchestra
10. Presentation of Diplomas  
Mr. Lloyd Tyrer  
Chairman of School Board
11. Class Ode Greta Johnson  
Class of 1941
12. Benediction  
Reverend John Hershey
13. Recessional

### CLASS ODE

To the melody of "The Loreley"

O Howard High we will miss you—  
Our friends and teachers too,  
As memory drifts through the four years  
That we have spent with you.  
Tonight as we bid you our farewell,  
Our hearts are grateful to you.  
Our memories live with you, Howard,  
Tonight and all years through.

We'll cherish the hopes of our teachers  
Who helped us struggle through,  
The class of "41" bids you  
A fond and faithful adieu.  
As through life's pathways we journey,  
Our hearts will ever be true  
To you, O, Alma Mater,  
Our thoughts are ever with you.

Greta Johnson

## GRADUATES

Ernest F. Allen	Greta Josephine Johnson
David Anderson	Audrey Carol Lewis
George Asack, Jr.	Ervin Gardner Lothrop
Elsie A. Bergstrom	Edith Marion Madan
Clyfton W. Bourne	George E. Melendy
Marie Rose Cabral	Barbara Ellen Merrill
Alice Dorothy Chaves	Albena Gertrude Michalowski
Lucille Mae Cogswell	Vineta Ruth Noyes
James Lester Corbett	Joseph Anthony Perry
Daniel Timothy Crowley	Edward Mikel Pingree
Elizabeth Frances Crowley	Maida Ruth Pratt
George Arthur Dansereau	Russell Frederick Ripley
Rita F. Dansereau	Walter William Salvador
Alice M. Dean	Stuart Walter Silva
Virginia Rebecca Erickson	Helena Frances Sousa
Irene Georgeanna Ferrini	Phyllis Mae Trow
Lillian Anna George	Lillian Antoinette Ventura
Nellie G. Hill	Bertha Patricia Washwell
Charles Howard Johnson	Eleonora Benedetta Zeuli



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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WE ARE AT WAR. Federal expenses are in figures which were never heard of or considered before. Each one of us has begun to feel some of the tax burden that is bound to come. It behooves every town to keep its local expenses at as low a figure as will enable the departments to operate efficiently without the frills that may seem desirable under more normal conditions, but can be passed up for the present. By operating our town as economically as possible, we feel we can help to that extent, in holding down the heavy burden which is imposed on every citizen by War conditions.

There are a few recommended appropriations higher than they have been in the past. The Old Age Assistance is increasing yearly and a substantial increase will probably have to be met under the law passed last year by the legislature. The war conditions have made necessary a substantial appropriation for civilian defense. The amount recommended, we believe, is reasonable for the situation as it now exists.

On the other hand, there are some favorable factors in the picture, one of the outstanding items is the elimination of the federal projects account. Also, owing to war conditions, the state has decided to eliminate any funds available to the towns to be spent on Chapter 90, road construction; therefore, there will be no town appropriation this year for such construction. The recommended appropriation for the welfare department is also lower this year.

Fortunately our local financial situation as shown by our balance sheet is favorable. To help hold our tax rate as low as possible, we have recommended the appropriation of not over \$15,000.00 this year from the Surplus Reserve. With this help and the reduced total of recommended appropriations we confidently expect



that the tax rate for the present year will be approximately \$29.00 per thousand. We know this will compare very favorably with any towns around us.

We again urge the Water Commissioners to give careful consideration to the financial condition of their department. The present commitments of water rates are hardly meeting the expense of maintenance, bonds, and interest. No reserve is being built up to meet the inevitable cost of replacement of water pipes which will occur as years go on. We believe this angle should be given more consideration.

We thank the various officers of the Town who have aided us in our work during the past year. This Committee meets monthly and is always glad to talk over town affairs and finance with any citizens interested.

- A Table of Estimates by Departments, amounts recommended by this Committee, and report of recommendations on articles in the Town Warrant appear on the following pages.

ARTHUR E. RYDER, Chairman,  
ALFRED T. WELLS, Secretary,  
WALTER D. CROWLEY,  
JOHN C. ELDRIDGE,  
JOHN E. HOWARD,  
WILLIAM W. NOYES,  
JOHN M. RICHARDS,

*Finance Committee.*

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT

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Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers by Official Ballot: One Town Clerk for one year, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one for two years to fill vacancy, one Tree Warden for one year, two Constables for one year.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of March 2, 1942, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Article 2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

Article 3. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

**The Finance Committee Recommends such authorization.**

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

**The recommendations of the Finance Committee for each Department appear in the Tables included in their report.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to be used with any sum allotted thereto by State and County.**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Streets; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommends no appropriation as there are no State Funds available.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase, for school purposes, of a plot of land, approximately 9½ acres, opposite the Center School.

**The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of eight to study the school housing situation.

**Refer to the voters.**

Article 11. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town

Director as provided in Section 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$100.00 for this purpose.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,904.01 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 14. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of paragraph A-7 in the ninth clause of the will of the late Anna Clifford Howard, bequeathing a fund to the Town of West Bridgewater, in trust, to be known as the "William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Scholarship," and the further provisions contained in paragraph A-16 in the ninth clause of said will bequeathing a fund to the trustees of the Public Library, in trust, said fund to be known as the "William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Fund."

**Refer to the voters.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the placing of two Street Lights on Wall Street, West Bridgewater, near the Town line.

**The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to install one Street Light on River Street, near the entrance to Memorial Park, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for same.

**The Finance Committee recommends this installation and the appropriation of the sum of \$18.00 to cover the cost of the same for the present year.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

**The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to establish by Town Ordinance or By-Law a new department to be known as The Civilian Defense Department under a Legislative Act Chapters 719 and 487 of 1941.

**The Finance Committee recommends the establishment of this department.**

Article 20. To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of Lot No. 41 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, known as the John E. and Desire L. Gould lot.

**The Finance Committee recommends favorable action.**

Article 21. To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$200.00 for the perpetual care of the Alger-Evrard lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

**The Finance Committee recommends favorable action.**

Article 22. To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of the Abbie B. Jones family lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

**The Finance Committee recommends favorable action.**



Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.00 for Christmas decorations by illumination at the Monument, and appoint a committee of three for the same.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of not over \$15,000.00 from the Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate for the current year.**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Selectmen to accept and receive for and in its behalf from Thomas W. Prince, Trustee under the will of Edward Capen, late of West Bridgewater, deceased, certain money and property now in said Trustee's possession and to hold, manage, control, invest, reinvest and dispose of the same in accordance with the terms and provisions of said will as here-after modified and varied by the decree or decrees of the Probate Court for the County of Plymouth.

**The Finance Committee recommends favorable action.**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Federal Project 1941 Balance the sum of \$500.00 to build a new spillway in the Town River to replace the present dangerous, damaged structure.

**The Finance Committee recommends this transfer.**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1941 into Surplus Revenue Account: New Town Offices \$102.00; West Street \$300.00; State Aid Vocational Education \$650.00. Total \$1,052.00.

**The Finance Committee recommends these transfers.**

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



**TABLE OF COMPARISON**  
**ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1940 AND 1941, TOGETHER WITH AMOUNTS**  
**ESTIMATED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE FOR 1942**

	Appropriated 1940	Expended 1940	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Estimated 1942	Recommended 1942
Moderator .....	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Selectmen's Department .....	800.00	722.60	800.00	774.59	700.00	700.00
Accountant's Department .....	700.00	676.94	675.00	665.62	675.00	675.00
Treasurer's Department .....	1,300.00	1,214.35	1,300.00	1,183.19	1,300.00	1,300.00
Collector's Department .....	1,947.00	2,077.56	2,015.00	1,976.63	1,950.00	1,750.00
Assessors' Department .....	1,825.00	1,604.00	1,800.00	1,556.06	1,700.00	1,700.00
Other Finance Offices .....	25.00	.....	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00
Town Clerk's Department .....	620.00	620.00	620.00	605.47	807.50	607.50
Election and Registration .....	900.00	954.99	408.00	397.94	837.50	837.50
Law .....	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Town Hall and Offices .....	2,800.00	2,825.00	3,250.00	2,497.11	3,274.00	3,274.00
Police Department .....	1,800.00	1,799.72	2,265.00	2,961.72	2,300.00	2,300.00
Dog Officer .....	35.00	12.50	35.00	34.00	35.00	35.00
Fire Department .....	2,500.00	2,494.54	2,450.00	3,108.81	2,845.00	2,845.00
Hydrants .....	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,490.00	1,490.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	100.00	76.46	100.00	83.64	100.00	100.00
Moth Suppression .....	2,000.00	1,988.48	2,500.00	2,471.97	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tree Warden's Department .....	700.00	691.04	700.00	680.15	700.00	700.00
Health and Sanitation .....	1,500.00	1,008.10	1,275.00	919.86	1,175.00	1,175.00
Inspection of Animals .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Inspection of Slaughtering .....	100.00	58.29	100.00	7.35	100.00	100.00

	Appropriated 1940	Expended 1940	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Estimated 1942	Recommended 1942
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance.....	1,720.79	1,720.79	1,949.33	1,949.33	1,904.01	1,904.01
Highway Department .....	10,000.00	9,991.89	10,000.00	10,043.97	10,000.00	10,000.00
Road Machinery Account .....	1,600.00	1,591.14	1,200.00	1,158.69	1,300.00	1,300.00
Snow Removal .....	1,300.00	1,027.40	1,000.00	605.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Street Lights .....	3,648.72	3,622.45	3,765.72	3,726.16	3,776.64	3,776.64
Public Welfare Administration .....	600.00	427.55	525.00	344.64	830.00	830.00
Public Welfare .....	13,000.00	10,926.73	12,000.00	10,206.28	11,000.00	11,000.00
Dependent Children Administration .....	45.00	30.67	32.00	6.75	25.00	25.00
Dependent Children .....	2,000.00	1,107.52	1,500.00	1,860.45*	1,800.00	1,800.00
Old Age Assistance Administration .....	340.00	321.34	345.00	231.34	520.00	520.00
Old Age Assistance .....	13,000.00	14,185.28	15,220.00	15,481.77	20,000.00	20,000.00
State Aid .....	60.00	10.00	100.00	120.00	300.00	300.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	1,350.00	802.62	1,150.00	502.12	1,000.00	1,000.00
Military Aid .....	1,000.00	675.00	700.00	390.00	500.00	500.00
Soldiers' Burial .....	50.00	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00
Library .....	1,240.00	1,234.55	1,240.00	1,231.30	1,300.00	1,300.00
School Department .....	50,000.00	49,573.36	49,975.00	48,456.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Care of Monument Grounds and Flags and Parks .....	525.00	481.37	550.00	542.57	750.00	750.00
Memorial and Armistice Days Observance .....	200.00	199.84	200.00	197.70	200.00	200.00
Printing and Distributing Town Reports.....	340.70	340.70	480.35	480.35	.....	.....
Fire Insurance .....	538.10	538.10	519.92	536.68	463.76	463.76
Liability Insurance .....	704.50	704.50	945.22	945.22	1,205.93	1,205.93
Interest .....	100.00	.....	100.00	7.48	100.00	100.00
Care of Cemeteries .....	100.00	127.75	130.00	121.08	130.00	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

	Appropriated 1940	Expended 1940	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Estimated 1942	Recommended 1942
Visiting Nurse Service .....	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Finance Committee .....	15.00	3.00	15.00	2.50	15.00	15.00
Preserving Records .....	50.00	14.10	50.00	2.09	.....	.....
Federal Projects Account .....	5,000.00	5,164.68	7,076.00	5,072.00	.....	.....
Widen North Elm Street .....	1,500.00	792.06	3,000.00	7,806.71*	.....	.....
Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
Sunset Avenue School Sanitation .....	600.00	575.86	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Town Offices .....	3,000.00	1,754.51	.....	48.00†	.....	.....
Town Garage .....	.....	1,182.38	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance .....	.....	.....	1,000.00	3,000.00*	.....	.....
Heating Plant, Sunset Avenue School .....	.....	.....	3,500.00	3,426.00	.....	.....
Land Damage Crescent Street .....	.....	.....	1,120.48	1,402.57*	.....	.....
Christmas Decoration .....	.....	.....	125.00	125.00	35.00	35.00
Geo. Dean Fund for Schools .....	.....	.....	650.00	.....	.....	.....
Civilian Defense .....	.....	.....	.....	182.89	2,500.00	2,500.00
Reserve Fund .....	\$135,119.81	\$129,866.71	\$142,422.02	\$141,976.75	\$133,819.34	\$133,419.34
	2,000.00	1,726.05	2,100.00	1,864.16	3,000.00	3,000.00

\* Federal, State, or County Contributed. † Available from carry over.

	Appropriated 1940	Expended 1940	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Estimated 1942	Recommended 1942
Water Department Maintenance .....	\$12,000.00	\$11,996.98	\$11,000.00	\$10,995.85	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Water Department Bonds and Interest .....	3,911.61	3,911.61	4,117.60	4,117.60	2,884.80	2,884.80
West Centre Street Extension .....	1,550.00	1,536.31	.....	.....	.....	.....
New 6" Water Mains .....	12,000.00	12,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
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	\$29,461.61	\$29,444.90	\$15,117.60	\$15,113.45	\$13,884.80	\$13,884.80

#### TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Defense Account .....	\$182.89
Fire Department .....	658.81
Old Age Assistance .....	261.77
State Aid .....	20.00
Police Department .....	696.72
Highway Department .....	43.97
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	\$1,864.16

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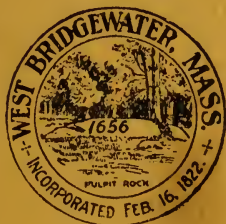






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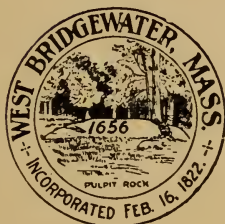
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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1942

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### MODERATOR

E. Marion Roberts

### TOWN CLERK

Herbert E. Bryant

### SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Carl R. Pearson	1940	1943
Joseph B. Porter	1941	1944
James A. Hemenway	1942	1945

### ASSESSORS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Robert G. Dean	1940	1943
William W. Phillips	1941	1944
Albert A. Howard	1942	1945

### TREASURER

Orvis F. Kinney

### TAX COLLECTOR

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Walter C. Dunbar	1942	1945



## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Louis P. Hayden	1940	1943
Martha B. Mason	1940	1943
Daniel J. Lothrop	1941	1944
Minnie J. R. Puffer	1942	1944
Ada M. Wood	1942	1945
Basil M. Soule	1942	1945

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Henry F. Woodward	1940	1943
Clare E. Parker	1940	1943
Lloyd P. Tryer	1941	1944
Sherman H. Perkins	1941	1944
Roger F. Tracy	1942	1945
James A. Kehoe	1942	1945

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Thomas B. Miles	1940	1943
James C. Kinney	1941	1944
George W. May	1942	1945

## TREE WARDEN

Christopher Read

## CONSTABLES

Edwin T. Gibson

Chester R. Ripley

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK

*By Appointment — Town Meeting*

Robert G. Dean

Fred G. Chisholm

Chester R. Ripley

James A. Hemenway

Albert A. Howard

## FIELD DRIVERS

Alexander Beck

Gordon Ross

Clinton P. Howard

## FENCE VIEWERS

Robert Keith

Frank X. Burke

Merrill Caswell

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

		<i>District</i>
	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Represented</i>
William W. Noyes	1943	North End
John E. Howard	1943	At Large
John M. Richards	1944	East End
Alfred T. Wells	1944	Center
Arthur E. Ryder	1945	West End
Walter D. Crowley	1945	South End
John C. Eldridge	1943	At Large

## Officers Appointed by Selectmen

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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

George G. Tucker

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Alice M. Dean

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edward L. Bourne

CHIEF OF POLICE

P. Douglas Eaton

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Christopher Read

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward L. Bourne

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Christopher Read

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

David Dailey

DOG OFFICER

Edwin T. Gibson

BURIAL AGENT

Herbert E. Bryant

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Chester R. Ripley

Charles Hill

## TOWN PHYSICIAN

Dr. A. O. Belmore

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Francis Mahoney	1940	1943
John L. Sullivan	1941	1944
Fred Chisholm	1942	1945
Herbert E. Bryant, Clerk		

## APPOINTMENTS FOR SPECIAL POLICE DUTY

The requirements of the Civil Service Department of the State exact that when assigning men to special police duty, their names be forwarded to their department for approval.

Men assigned to duty and receiving such approval during the year on various occasions are as follows:

Carl L. Newman	Francis J. Luddy
Edward G. Asack	Thomas F. Guinea
Frank H. Keay	Curtis W. Carrigan
Charles S. Grippen	J. Russell Hemenway

## APPOINTMENTS BY CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF

Antone Sousa

## DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Raleigh A. Holden

Edwin T. Gibson

Levi T. Nute

Antone Sousa

Christopher Read

## OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR HOLIDAYS

JULY 4th, OCT. 31st.

John Eldridge

J. Russell Hemenway

Carl Newman

Charles Grippen

Curtis Carrigan

George Davis

Harold Hall

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1942

A meeting duly warned of the inhabitants of West Bridgewater qualified to vote in election and Town affairs was held in the Town Hall at West Bridgewater, Monday, March 2, 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and the following is a record of the doings of said meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, in the absence of the Moderator and after Article 1 of the Warrant had been read, that is to elect the following officers for the Town by ballot, the Town Clerk declared the meeting opened to elect the following: One Town Clerk for one year; one Moderator for one year; one Assessor for three years; one Selectman for three years; one Treasurer for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years; two School Committee for three years; one member of Board of Public Welfare for three years; Two Trustees of Public Library for three years; One Trustee of Public Library for two years to fill vacancy; one Tree Warden for one year; two Constables for one year; One Tax Collector for three years.

The Election Officers were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk to the faithful performance of their duties and were as follows: Louis Hayden, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Pratt, Lulu Gardner, Grace Keenan, Helen Ross, Dorothy Eckstrom, Albert Snow, Anna M. O'Shaughessy, Harold Garfield, Daniel Crowley, Ernest Fongeallaz, Lillian Earle, Francis Cheyunski, James Peterson.

The ballot box was inspected by the police officer in charge



and found to be empty. The register was then set at zero. One thousand two hundred ballots were delivered by the Town Clerk and receipt given for same.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared closed. There were 711 ballots cast as shown on the indicator of the Ballot Box.

The Town Clerk announced the following results:

#### FOR MODERATOR

E. Marion Roberts	580
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	130

E. Marion Roberts was declared elected.

#### FOR TOWN CLERK

Edith M. Alger	237
Herbert E. Bryant	443
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	30

Herbert E. Bryant was declared elected.

#### FOR SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Fred G. Chisholm	338
James A. Hemenway	364
Blanks	9

James A. Hemenway was declared elected.

#### FOR TREASURER

Orvis F. Kinney	634
Scattered Votes	4
Blanks	73

Orvis F. Kinney was declared elected.

## FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Walter C. Dunbar	598
Scattered Votes	2
Blanks	111

Walter C. Dunbar was declared elected.

## FOR ASSESSOR, 3 YEARS

Leon J. Edmonston	35
Albert A. Howard	378
Frank Sanborn	140
Henry W. Shaw	123
Blanks	35

Albert A. Howard was declared elected.

FOR TWO MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
3 YEARS

James A. Kehoe	504
Roger F. Tracy	568
Scattered Votes	6
Blanks	344

James A. Kehoe was declared elected.

Roger F. Tracy was declared elected.

## FOR TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 YEARS

Basil M. Soule	585
Ada M. Wood	564
Blanks	273

Basil M. Soule was declared elected.

Ada M. Wood was declared elected.

FOR TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
TO FILL VACANCY, 2 YEARS

Minnie J. R. Puffer	580
Blanks	131

Minnie J. R. Puffer was declared elected.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER, 3 YEARS

George W. May	605
Scattered Votes	2
Blanks	104

George W. May was declared elected.

FOR TREE WARDEN, 1 YEAR

Christopher Read	609
Blanks	102

Christopher Read was declared elected.

FOR CONSTABLES, 1 YEAR

Edwin T. Gibson	605
Chester R. Ripley	619
Scattered Votes	4
Blanks	194

Edwin T. Gibson was declared elected.

Chester R. Ripley was declared elected.

After the result of the election was announced the Town Clerk was sworn to the faithful performance of his office, and declared the meeting adjourned until March 9, 1942.

Town Officers sworn into office:

Moderator, E. Marion Roberts, March 2, 1942 by H. E. Bryant,  
Town Clerk.

Board of Public Welfare and Selectmen, James A. Hemenway,  
March 3, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Tax Collector, Walter C. Dunbar, March 3, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Tree Warden, Christopher Read, March 3, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

For School Committee, Roger F. Tracy, March 4, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Treasurer, Orvis F. Kinney, March 9, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Assessor, Albert A. Howard, March 9, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

School Committee, James A. Kehoe, March 9, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Constable, Chester R. Ripley, March 9, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Constable, Edwin T. Gibson, March 9, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Water Commissioner, George W. May, March 11, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Library Trustee, Basil M. Soule, March 12, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Library Trustee, Ada M. Wood, March 12, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

Library Trustee, Minnie J. R. Puffer, March 12, 1942, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

The following officers were sworn into office by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk on March 9, 1942.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark, Robert G. Dean, Chester R. Ripley, James A. Hemenway, Albert Howard and Fred Chisholm.

Field Drivers, Alexander Beck, Gordon Ross, Clinton Howard.

Fence Viewers, Robert Keith, Frank Burke, Merrill Caswell.  
Superintendent of Streets, George Tucker.

Chief of Fire Department, Edward L. Bourne.

Forest Fire Warden, Edward L. Bourne.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens, Antone Sousa, Edwin T. Gibson, Levi T. Nute, Raleigh A. Holden and Christopher Read.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Christopher Read.

School Physician, Dr. A. O. Belmore.

Inspector of Animals, David Daily.

Dog Officer, Edwin T. Gibson.

Public Weighers, Chester R. Ripley, Charles Hill.

Agent of Public Welfare, Town Accountant and Agt. of O. A. A., Alice M. Dean.

Finance Committee, Walter D. Crowley, John C. Eldridge, Arthur E. Ryder.

## ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 9, 1942

Meeting called to order at 7.30 p.m. by Moderator E. Marion Roberts, who stated that as the required number of voters by Law viz. 10% of all the voters. The number lacking it was moved that the meeting be delayed a half hour. Upon voice vote the motion was carried. At 8:00 o'clock p.m. the number

still lacking 19 voters it was voted upon motion to postpone the meeting until Friday, March 13 at 7:30 P. M. The motion was carried and meeting adjourned to the time indicated.

Following a vote taken at Adjourned Town Meeting, March 9, 1942, the postponed Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, E. Marion Roberts. The reading of the Warrant, by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk, was followed by a period of silence in memory of Howard B. Wilbur, who served as Moderator for 41 years.

## Article 2.

To Choose Town Officers for ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

The following named were by vote of meeting chosen:

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—Robert G. Dean, Chester R. Ripley, James A. Hemenway, Albert Howard, Fred G. Chisholm.

Field Drivers — Alexander Beck, Gordon Ross, Clinton Howard.

Fence Viewers — Robert Keith, Frank Burque, Merrill Caswell.

## Article 3.

To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon:

Moved and carried that the reports be accepted.

## Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from



time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

On motion this article was carried.

#### Article 5

To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

The following appropriations were upon motion and vote carried:

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Moderator	\$ 25.00
Selectmen's Department	700.00
Accountant's Department	675.00
Treasurer's Department	1,300.00
Collector's Department	1,895.00
Assessor's Department	1,700.00
Other Finance Offices	25.00
Town Clerk's Department	807.50
Election and Registration	837.50
Law	25.00
Town Hall and Offices	3,274.00
Police Department	2,300.00
Dog Officer	35.00
Fire Department	2,845.00
Hydrants	1,490.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Moth Suppression	2,500.00
Tree Warden's Department	700.00
Health and Sanitation	1,175.00
Inspection of Animals	100.00

Inspection of Slaughtering	100.00
Road Machinery Account	1,300.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance	1,904.00
Highway Department	10,000.00
Snow Removal	1,000.00
Street Lights	3,776.64
Public Welfare Administration	830.00
Public Welfare	11,000.00
Dependent Children Adm.	25.00
Dependent Children	1,800.00
Old Age Assistance Adm.	520.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00
State Aid	300.00
Soldier's Relief	1,000.00
Military Aid	500.00
Soldier's Burial	100.00
Library	1,300.00
School Department	50,000.00
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags and Park	750.00
Memorial and Armistice Days Observance	200.00
Printing and Distributing Town Reports	477.24
Fire Insurance	463.76
Liability Insurance	1,236.97
Interest	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service	300.00
Finance Committee	15.00
Xmas Decorations	35.00
Civilian Defense	2,500.00
Reserve Fund From Overlay Surplus	3,000.00
Water Department Maintenance	
(from Water Dept. Revenue)	11,000.00

Water Department Bonds and Interest	
(from Water Dept. Revenue)	2,884.80
Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance	1,000.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Town Records	50.00
To Reduce Tax Rate, a sum not to Exceed	15,000.00

## Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chap. 90, Highway Maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

Moved and carried that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated.

## Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of streets, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the state or County, or both, for this purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Moved this article be passed.

## Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase, for school purposes, of a plot of land, approximately 9½ acres, opposite the Center School.

On motion this article was passed.

#### Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of eight to study the School housing situation.

On motion this article was carried.

#### Article 11.

To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Sections 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of The General Laws and act thereon.

On motion this article was carried, and Clifford Carlson was appointed as director.

#### Article 12.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,904.01 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

On motion this article was carried.

#### Article 13.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse service in West Bridgewater.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 14.

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of paragraph A-7 in the ninth Clause of the Will of the late Anna Clifford Howard, bequeathing a fund to the Town of West Bridgewater in trust, to be known as the "William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Scholarship", and the further provisions contained in paragraph A-16 in the ninth clause of said will bequeathing a fund to the trustees of the Public Library, in trust, said fund to be known as the "William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Fund".

On motion this article was accepted. The sum of \$4,835.92 to be used for the Scholarship, and \$2,417.96 to be used for the Library.

## Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the placing of two Street Lights on Wall Street, West Bridgewater, near the Town Lines.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to install one Street Light on River Street near the entrance to Memorial Park, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

On motion this article was carried, and the sum of eighteen dollars was voted for same.

## Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to establish by Town Ordinance or By-Law a new Department to be known as The Civilian Defense Department under a Legislative Act Chapters 719 and 487 of 1941.

Moved that a Civilian Defense Department be organized and act under the "Acts of 1941".

## Article 20.

To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of Lot No. 41 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery known as the John E. and Desire L. Gould Lot.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 21.

To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$200.00 for the perpetual care of the Alger Everard lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

On motion this article was carried.

## Article 22.

To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund



of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of the Abbie B. Jones family lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

On motion this article was carried.

#### Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.00 for Christmas decorations by illumination at the Monument, and appoint a committee of three for the same.

On motion this article was carried.

#### Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax rate for the current year.

Moved that a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 be appropriated. Motion carried.

#### Article 25.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Selectmen to accept and receive for and in its behalf from Thomas W. Prince, Trustee under the will of Edward Capen, late of West Bridgewater deceased, certain money and property now in said Trustee's possession and to hold, manage, control and invest, reinvest and dispose of the same in accordance with the terms and provisions of said will as hereafter modified and varied by the decree or decrees of the Probate Court for the County of Plymouth.

Motion: That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to accept and receive for and in behalf of the Town from Thomas W. Prince, Trustee under the Will of Edward Capen, late of West Bridgewater, deceased, the certain money and property now in said Trustee's posses-

sion upon such terms and condition as they deem wise and expedient and if accepted and receive by them to hold, manage, control, invest and dispose of the same in accordance with terms and provisions imposed by said will as hereafter modified and varied by the decree, or decrees of the Probate Court for this County of Plymouth.

This motion accepted and carried.

#### Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Federal Project 1941 Balance the sum of \$500.00 to build a new spillway in the Town River to replace the present dangerous, damaged structure.

On motion this article was carried and the money to be transferred from Federal Funds.

#### Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1941, into Surplus Revenue Account: New Town Offices \$102.00; West Street \$300.00; State Aid Vocational Education \$650.00. Total \$1,052.00.

On motion this article was carried.

#### Article 28.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moved that Town raise the pay of Town labor from .50 to .52½ per hour. Upon vote this motion was lost.

Motion was made to dissolve meeting. Carried.

## STATE PRIMARIES, SEPTEMBER 15, 1942

The Polls were opened at 12:00 o'clock noon by the reading of the Warrant and the declaration of the Warden, James A. Hemenway. The Ballot Box was inspected by the Police Officer in charge, and the Register set at 0000.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. the Warden declared the Polls closed and the Register in the Ballot Box showed 477 ballots had been cast.

The result of the Ballot was as follows:

## GOVERNOR

Francis Kelly	13
Roger Putnam	11
Leverett Saltonstall	383
Blanks	70

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Horace T. Cahill	369
John C. Carr	22
Blanks	86

## SECRETARY

Joseph J. Buckley	12
Frederick W. Cook	367
George F. Gosselin	1
John J. O'Brien	10
Blanks	87

## TREASURER

Thomas E. Barry	3
Laurence Curtis	135
Edgar A. French	89

Francis X. Hurley	14
William L. Hurley	5
Richard E. Johnson	24
Wallace E. Stearns	54
John F. Welch	2
Blanks	100

## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley	20
Russell A. Wood	357
Leo D. Walsh	4
Blanks	96

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

James E. Agnew	22
Robert T. Bushnell	363
Blanks	92

## COUNTY TREASURER

Avis A. Ewell	352
Blanks	125

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Joseph E. Casey	11
Daniel H. Coakley	2
Courtney Crocker	21
John F. Fitzgerald	10
Joseph Lee	1
Henry Cabot Lodge	369
Blanks	63

## CONGRESSMAN

George L. Backus	21
Charles L. Gifford	347
Blanks	109

## COUNCILLOR

Clarence A. Barnes	210
Joseph P. Clark	18
J. Dolan Hathaway	3
Harold Francis Woodward	144
Blanks	102

## SENATOR

Albert M. Heath	23
Charles H. Miles	367
Blanks	87

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Michael J. McCarthy	238
F. Lincoln Millett	23
Fred J. Trombly	138
Blanks	78

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

George W. Arbuckle	135
Edmund R. Dewing	261
Blanks	81

## REGISTER OF PROBATE

Sumner A. Chapman	176
Edmund W. Nutter	191
Blanks	110

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Orvis F. Kinney	357
Norman G. MacDonald	16
Leo F. Nourse	75
Blanks	29

## ELECTON OFFICERS

Grace Keenan, Mary Pratt, Lulu Gardner, Ellen Brown as Checkers.

Louis Hayden as counter.

Elizabeth Smith, Lillian Earle, John Pomeroy, Francis Luddy as observers.

Dorothy Eckstrom, Helen Ross as recorders.

## STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1942

The polls were open at 12:00 noon by the reading of the Warrant and declaration of the Warden, James A. Hemenway.

The Ballot Box was inspected by the Police officer in charge and the Register was set at 0000.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. the Warden declared the polls closed and the Register on the Ballot Box showed that 947 ballots had been cast.

The voting showed the following results:

## GOVERNOR

Roger L. Putnam	207
Leverett Saltonstall	718
Henning A. Blomen	0



Otis A. Hood	7
Joseph Massidda	2
Guy S. Williams	3
Blanks	10

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Horace T. Cahill	734
John C. Carr	180
Walter S. Hutchins	6
George McGlynn	5
E. Frank Searls	3
Blanks	19

## SECRETARY

Joseph J. Buckley	197
Frederick W. Cook	716
Bernard G. Kelley	4
Abbie L. Tibbets	0
Peter Wartainen	6
Blanks	24

## TREASURER

Laurence Curtis	698
Francis X Hurley	204
Martha E. Geer	2
Cote Elvel Palmquist	6
Anders H. Swenson	9
Blanks	28

## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley	216
Russell A. Wood	688

Herbert Crabtree	5
Ethel J. Prince	2
Blanks	36

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

James E. Agnew	165
Robert T. Bushnell	738
Charles F. Danforth	3
Fred E. Oelcher	4
Howard Penley	6
Blanks	31

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Joseph E. Casey	191
Henry Cabot Lodge	725
Horace L. Hillis	1
George L. Paine	5
George L. Thompson	5
Blanks	20

## CONGRESSMAN

George F. Backus	194
Charles L. Gifford	716
Blanks	37

## COUNCILLOR

Clarence A. Barnes	717
Joseph P. Clark	182
Blanks	48

## SENATOR

Albert M. Heath	152
Charles G. Miles	759
Blanks	36

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Michael J. McCarthy	729
F. Lincoln Millet	163
Blanks	55

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Edmund R. Dewing	821
Blanks	126

## REGISTER PROBATE

Sumner A. Chapman	802
Blanks	145

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Leo F. Nourse	780
Blanks	166

## COUNTY TREASURER

Avis A. Ewell	799
Blanks	148

## QUESTION NO. 1—INITIATIVE PETITION

Yes	416
No	324
Blanks	207

## ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Yes	436
No	411
Blanks	100

## WINES AND MALT BEVERAGES ONLY

Yes	469
No	344
Blanks	134

## ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PACKAGE

Yes	474
No	328
Blanks	145

## PARI-MUTUAL HORSE RACING

Yes	387
No	418
Blanks	142

## PARI-MUTUAL DOG RACING

Yes	357
No	432
Blanks	158

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births in West Bridgewater, 1942

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
March		
6	Patricia Anne Sousa	George J. and Margaret L. Keith
24	Joseph Souza, Jr.	Joseph and Mary Ann Silva
April		
3	Stillborn	
May		
26	Erik William Turner	Elgin A. and Ethelle Peterson
August		
7	Alice Jean Harriet Martin	John F. and Edna M. Turley
September		
25	Donna Elaine Mazza	Savino M. and Mildred G. Pacheco
28	Beatrice Helena Badger	Frederick A. and Edna M. Wise
October		
20	Evelyn Mercy Norris	John H. and Dorothy E. Sylvia
November		
26	William Henry Haywood	Harry E. and Ruth L. Beals
26	Betty Ann Haywood	Harry E. and Ruth L. Beals

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## Births Elsewhere to West Bridgewater Parents, 1942

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
January		
2	Barbara Ruth Kemp	Thomas F. and Gladys E. Parker
11	James Leslie Ellis	Leslie E. and Eleanor M. Cashman
22	Rosemarie Mildred Bettencourt	George M. and Mildred Rogers
February		
1	Clive Harold Napoleon Joseph Ensher	Napoleon J. and Virginia Essayan
6	John Trafton Foye	Allen B. and Gertrude L. Howard
25	Carol Ann Bourne	Harold W. and Hazel G. Goodell
March		
9	Carol Amy Backstrom	Harold and Lillian Hooper
9	Timothy Clyde Bordeaux, Jr.	Timothy C. and Amelia M. Cannon
10	Marjorie Merrill Caswell	Lawrence M. and Ruth M. Foye
12	Albert Dennis Lucini	Albert E. and Corinna Peri
31	David William Sayles	Leon V. and Esther M. Davidson
April		
12	Gail Ann Pettengill	Charles G. and Clara F. Perry
13	Wilfred Gillespie Howard	Lester E. and Natalie Gillespie
13	Shawn Michael Farrell	Charles T. and Margaret R. Caron
20	Marjorie Anne Redmann	Robert H. and Elizabeth Jennings
May		
3	Melanie Jean Thomas	Benjamin D. and Helen Gurney
11	Sherrol Jean Teixeira	John S. and Emily Burgess
20	Richard Bettencourt	Joseph and Anna May Donnell
21	Bruce Cameron Soderholm	Bruce C. and Marjorie W. Augustine
28	Claire Ann Poirier	Joseph R. and Doris M. Owens
June		
18	John Thomas Sheehan	John T. and Verna W. Johnson
28	Rulon Edward Wilcox	Harold I. and Margaret E. Howarth
July		
2	Susan Frazier Cobbett	Harold L. and Alice Frazier
17	Wayne Arnold Bishop	Henry A. and Louise Hackenson
18	Donald Wilson Metcalf	Wilson H. and Mildred E. Edmed
August		
3	Anne Elaine Young	Joseph and Cecilia A. Boylan
17	Linda Elaine Okerstron	Lars O. and Mamie J. Pajanen
23	Adella Joan Paganì	Andrew J. and Jennie DiCarli
24	Lois Ann Penpraese	William F. and Philomena A. Cerce
28	William Waldimir Podielsky	William W. and Elsie Jordan



<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
September		
6	John William Lewis	Ladd and Doris M. Sanborn
11	William Herbert Vinton	William H. and Doris E. Miner
13	Edgar Elmer Burroughs	Charles E. and Gladys L. Morton
28	Richard Herman Seager	John E. and Harriette C. Beach
October		
6	James William Sullivan	Thomas E. and Helen Starr
8	Sandra Jean Breil	Kendall A. and Phyllis V. Dunham
16	Doreen Virginia Carlson	Carl W. and Rebecca Clark
19	Sally Roy Ohlson	Sumner H. and Mildred R. Howe
19	Barbara Jean Piver	Joseph C. and Adele M. Barus
28	Sally Ann Dunlea	Michael J. and Edythe M. Standish
November		
3	Grace Frances Gardner	Charles W. and Charlotte F. Edwards
14	Carol Elaine Gaffney	Royal A. and Anita E. Bolduc
19	Ronald Thomas Pocius	Vitold A. and Margaret F. Jones
22	William Richard Brown, Jr.	William R. and Anna E. Mello
December		
8	Larry Arthur Blodgett	Lester A. and Phyllis Mae Trow
13	Sandra Louise Tinkham	Richard W. and Carolyn L. Bourne
25	Russell Chester Johnson	Chester M. and Elsa L. Pearson
31	Pamela Frances Golder	Kenneth F. and Ruth A. Turner

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## Marriages Recorded in 1942

- Jan. 8 Stuart Alger Levi of West Bridgewater and Anna Phylis Carron of Hyde Park, Boston, at Hyde Park, Boston, by Rev. John A. Keegan.
- Jan. 11 Martin W. Johnson of West Bridgewater and Ellen Oman of South Easton, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Jan. 28 Adelmo Bianchi of West Bridgewater and Bessie Baker of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Harry W. Sherburne, Justice of the Peace.
- Jan. 29 William R. Nordberg of Brockton and Meredith F. Blatchford of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. J. J. O'Connor.
- Feb. 7 Ernest A. Burrill, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Packard of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis S. Cooper.
- Feb. 14 Ralph E. Davis of West Bridgewater and Mary E. Ruggles of Brookville, at Holbrook, by Rev. Patrick J. Connell.
- Feb. 14 Aledo Fabiani of Quincy and Arlene E. Porter of West Bridgewater, at Whitman, by Rev. Carl R. Bartle.
- Feb. 14 Thomas B. MacQuinn of Weymouth and Barbara F. Howe of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Edwin H. Gibson.
- Feb. 15 Charles K. Droukas of Brockton and Mildred D. Goodwin of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Feb. 21 Harold R. Perkins of West Bridgewater and Mary T. Falvey of Roslindale, at Roslindale, by Rev. George T. Cassazza.

- Mar. 29 Joseph J. P. Burque of West Bridgewater and Alice A. Guimond of Fall River, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Apr. 4 William D. Smith of West Bridgewater and Mildred C. Jardon of Boston, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Apr. 5 James R. Ritchie, 3rd, of Boston and Elizabeth J. Lanitel of Boston, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Raymond E. Spears.
- Apr. 5 Joseph Souza of West Bridgewater and Mary Ann Silva of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Apr. 18 Kenneth T. Fischer of West Bridgewater and Marion E. Hodnett of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. David B. Matthews.
- Apr. 19 Foster C. Piver of West Bridgewater and Lucy Tartaglia of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Joseph W. Kenney.
- Apr. 25 William H. Trohon of South Easton and Ethelyn R. Leavitt of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. J. K. Pearson.
- May 1 Earl W. Crocker of Brockton and Ruth M. Webber of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Orville E. Crain.
- May 23 Dominic A. Carbone of West Bridgewater and Emma M. Homen of Bridgewater, at Bridgewater, by Rev. Daniel R. Foley.
- June 21 Merton H. Oudekirk of Brockton and Barbara M. Keeler of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Bryan F. Archibald.
- June 21 Matthew Mazza of West Bridgewater and Eleanor Power of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis S. Cooper.

- July 11 Victor Egowin of North Abington and Louise Morse of West Bridgewater, at Whitman, by Arthur T. Cole, Justice of Peace.
- July 12 Lawrence P. Swanson of Connecticut and Alice M. Burroughs of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Maruin W. Topping.
- July 12 Ronald F. Brodrick of Florida and Elizabeth Wentworth of West Bridgewater, at Boston, by Rev. Francis S. Cooper.
- July 18 George C. Austin of West Bridgewater and Sophia Krasnosky of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Joseph C. Petrauskas.
- July 31 Oscar W. Reade of West Bridgewater and Gunnhild Latt of East Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Maruin Topping.
- Aug. 1 George E. Melendy of West Bridgewater and Virginia R. Packard of Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. David B. Matthews.
- Aug. 9 Donald M. Atwood of North Abington and Alice J. Moody of West Bridgewater, at Bridgewater, by Rev. John Matteson.
- Aug. 10 Richard O. Packard of West Bridgewater and Noella M. Chicoine of New Bedford, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.
- Aug. 12 George C. Nute of Whitman and Marion F. Richmond of Whitman, at Rockland, by Rev. Clarence E. Southard.
- Aug. 22 Richard C. Gammons of New Hampshire and Priscilla Burgess of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John Prengcant.
- Aug. 30 Lloyd G. Maver of Brockton and Pauline F. Moore of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. David B. Matthews.

- Aug. 30 Frederick C. Rego of North Easton and Mildred L. Simono of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Sept. 4 Edward W. Soderlund of Gardner and Margaret Hutchinson of West Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Iris I. Kerr.
- Sept. 6 Joseph L. Lambert of West Bridgewater, and Marie D. Isaacs of Davenport, Iowa, at Brockton, by Rev. David B. Matthews.
- Sept. 7 Frederick J. Martin of Lowell and Patricia E. Litchfield of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Sept. 13 Luke M. Boyd of Pearl River, New York and Karolyn L. Keeler of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Bryan F. Archibald.
- Sept. 14 Roy S. Fletcher of Brockton and Hazel C. Snow of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis S. Cooper.
- Sept. 15 Clarence O. Plotner of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Bismore of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.
- Sept. 25 Clifton V. VanDyke of West Bridgewater and Meredith L. Libby of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Albrot S. Kellie.
- Oct. 1 Frank A. Goddard of West Bridgewater and Leona E. Lawson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Rudolph L. Samuelson.
- Oct. 8 Ralph F. Cosgrove of West Bridgewater and Margaret Clifford of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Leonard J. Burke.
- Oct. 10 Albert E. Williams of South Easton and Dorothy F. Eckstrom of West Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Iris I. Kerr.

- Oct. 17 Charles W. VanDyke of West Bridgewater and Marguerite M. Chapman of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis S. Cooper.
- Nov. 22 Carlton M. Broman of West Bridgewater and Elaine F. Berwick of Boston, at Brockton, by Rev. Axel Bergstede.
- Nov. 22 Ora Howe of West Bridgewater and Eleanor F. Allard of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by J. Wesley Pierson, Justice of Peace.
- Dec. 6 Robert D. Keith, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Shirley M. Snell of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.
- Dec. 6 Ralph E. Terrio of Brockton and Blanche M. Andrews of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. A. S. Kellie.
- Dec. 19 Leroy Nelson of Brockton and Louise C. Johnson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Herace F. Holton.

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## Deaths Recorded in West Bridgewater, 1942

Date	Age			Cause		
	Y.	M.	D			
January						
6	Bridget	Devine	65	4	14	Coronary thrombosis
11	Hervey	Dunham	88	3	19	Heart Disease, Arteriosclerosis
16	Mary E. K.	Molito	72	7	3	Coronary Thrombosis, Chronic Myocarditis
16	Nathan K.	Walker	91	2	10	Heart Failure
21	Maude F.	Marble (Jones)	76	2	20	Coronary Arterio Diseases
26	Albert F.	Bosworth	84	1	13	Arthritis, Hardening of Arteritis
February						
4	Etta A.	Powers	83	11	11	Broncho Pneumonia
5	Sylvia W.	Mosher (Reed)	77	4	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
11	Albina A.	Perry (Preble)	76	10	18	Chronic Myocarditis, Cardiac failure
15	Elizabeth J.	Harlow (Bradley)	71	11	4	Cerebral Hemorrhage
19	Charles H.	Eddy	90	4	16	Arterio sclerosis—chronic
25	Laura E.	Costello	64	11	17	Coronary Thrombosis, Arteriosclerosis
April						
3	Stillborn		—	—	—	
7	George W.	Parry	74	—	—	Congestive heart disease
19	George A.	Smith	41	3	25	Broncho pneumonia
May						
2	Albert E.	Lucini	51	—	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
6	Barry E.	Ensher	3	9	18	Leukemia hodgekin's disease
10	Edgar W.	Snow	66	—	—	Heart Disease
24	Armand J.	Bolduc	35	11	10	Fractured skull
June						
2	John	Wilbur	69	—	5	General Peritonitis from ruptured small intestine
6	Sarah A.	Philbrick (Barker)	76	3	14	Cancer of Breast, Arteriosclerosis
6	Olivine N.	Bernier (Riberdy)	50	—	—	Intestinal perforation ulcerative colitis
11	Ernest W.	Robinson	69	—	13	Carbon monoxide poisoning from automobil
24	Charles E.	Sullivan	83	9	13	Chronic Myocarditis
July						
16	Emil	Lundgren	67	9	4	Arteriosclerotic heart disease with auricular fibrillation
23	Michael	Zingarelli	59	1	10	Shot gun wound of head
August						
14	Edmund L.	Evans	83	—	20	Hypertensive cerebral
16	Mary S.	Thompson (Washburn)	85	2	21	Mycardial failure, hypertension

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>			<i>Cause</i>
	<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	
18 Clarence W. Sears	55	9	6	Cancer of peritoneal cavity origin not determined
31 Elizabeth E. Wren	68	2	—	Cardiac decompensation, Myocarditis
September				
16 Ada H. Willis (Baker)	84	4	23	Cancer of small intestines
23 Meredith J. Finch	—	8	22	Diarrhoea, Chronic bronchitis
27 Albert C. Snow	67	11	14	Cardiac insufficiency, Arterio sclerosis
29 Ethel M. Hunt (Weatherbee)	62	9	29	Diverticulitis of Sigmoid Intestinal obstruction
October				
2 Frederick Davio	49	3	21	Bronchogenic carcenosua with pneumonectomy therefor
4 Ernest A. Howe	46	8	11	Coronary thrombosis
12 Maude A. Thayer (Henderson)	78	5	5	Coronary thrombosis (Fr. hip)
26 Madeline B. Schwartz	94	11	—	Coronary sclerosis, Chronic myocarditis
28 Bertha Rena Horton	16	4	19	Cerebellar tumor with hemorrhage
30 Ellen E. Whelan	68	9	6	Fracture of left ulnar cerebral embolus
31 Marion G. Ripley (Reade)	28	3	20	Metastatic Pneumonia, Cancer of left breast
November				
1 Daniel Otter	68	10	12	Cardio-renal disease
5 Henry Bartlett	71	0	4	Carcinomatosis—abdominal
22 Howard White	64	4	29	Cardiac failure, Toxemia, Acidosis
28 Robert R. Noyes	17	5	2	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning (Smoke inhalation)
December				
4 Frederick T. Congdon	75	9	11	Congestive heart failure Hypertensive heart disease
18 Francis J. Reardon	45	—	—	Coronary thrombosis
25 Emma C. Goldie	83	11	29	Chronic myocarditis, Arterio sclerosis
28 Joseph N. Caron	69	—	—	Cardiac Decompensation

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ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 46 OF  
THE GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sec. 3 Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth giving the street and number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in the city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6. Parents, within FORTY DAYS after the birth of a child, and every householder within FORTY DAYS after a birth in his house, SHALL cause notice thereof to be given to the CLERK of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3, shall, so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. A parent, or other person who, by section 6, is required to give, or cause to be given notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for TEN DAYS after the time limit therefor, shall forfeit not more than five dollars, for each offence.

Sec. 24. The Town Clerk shall furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1942

Male	327 @	\$ 2.00	\$ 654.00
Female	52 @	5.00	260.00
Spayed Female	106 @	2.00	212.00
Kennel	1 @	25.00	25.00
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	486		1,151.00
Less Clerk's Fees	486 @	.20	97.20
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Paid During Year to County Treasurer			\$1,053.80

## FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1942

Resident Fishing Licenses	53 @	\$2.00	\$ 106.00
Resident Hunting Licenses	83 @	2.00	166.00
Resident Sporting	33 @	3.25	107.25
Resident Female or Minor Fishing Licenses	16 @	1.25	20.00
Resident Minor Trapping Licenses	5 @	2.25	11.25
Resident Trapping Licenses	9 @	5.25	47.25
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	199		\$ 457.75
Less Clerk's Fees	199 @	\$ .25	49.75
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			408.00
Resident Sporting Licenses	6	FREE	
Duplicate Licenses	3 @	.50	1.50
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Whole Number Issued	208		
Paid to Fish and Game Division			\$ 409.50

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## LIST OF JURORS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Alger, Thomas H.,	269 Matfield St.	Superintendent
Anderson, Elmer L.,	218 East St.	Farmer
Asack, Edward G.,	166 South St.	Turkey Farmer
Benson, Bror A.,	327 East St.	Mason
Braga, Alphonse,	18 Central Sq.	Mechanic
Burque, Frank X.,	26 West Center St.	Gas Station Operator
Caswell, Merrill L.,	381 East St.	Mechanic
Charnock, Lester J.,	210 South St.	Mgr. Shoe Store
Cheyunski, Felix,	763 West Center St.	Dairyman
Chisholm, Fred G.,	46 Sunset Ave.	Truck Driver
Churchill, Thomas B.,	494 East Center St.	Compositor
Coogan, Edward,	514 West Center St.	Bus Driver
Couite, Joseph A.,	93 Copeland St.	Farmer
Crowley, Daniel F.,	409 Walnut St.	Milkman
Cyr, George E.,	15 Vital Ave.	Metal Worker
Daily, David,	109 South Elm St.	Animal Inspector
Davis, George N.,	384 North Elm St.	Shoemaker
Duperre, George J.,	9 Crescent St.	Foreman
Edson, Minot,	445 West Center St.	Carpenter
Eaton, Alton,	141 Crescent St.	Painter
Eldridge, John C.,	222 West Center St.	Chemist
Ensher, Edward,	175 Lincoln St.	Farmer
Erbeck, Phillip A.,	75 Bryant St.	Farmer
Fish, Ralph W.,	373 North Elm St.	Director
Fongelaz, Ernest A.,	486 West Center St.	Mechanic
Green, Harry D.,	120 Ash St.	Laborer
Hayden, Louis P.,	351 North Elm St.	Manufacturer
Hemenway, J. Russell,	48 Plain St.	Box Maker
Holbrook, James R.,	34 High St.	Shoemaker
Holden, Raleigh,	20 Walnut St.	Farmer

Jordan, Richard, 96 Prospect St.	Truck Driver
Lawson, Oliver A., 433 Spring St.	Bank Clerk
Leavitt, Winfield C., 70 North Main St.	Bookkeeper
Lothrop, Leon A., 62 Sunset Ave.	Printer
Pearson, Carl R., 148 West St.	Mason
Perkins, Faelton C., 96 Howard St.	Manufacturer
Reed, Arthur L., 355 Matfield St.	Garage Proprietor
Thomas, Francis E., 138 North Elm St.	Clerk
Towers, Walter H., 449 North Elm St.	Clerk
Young, Everett E., 35 Charles St.	Contractor

#### LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY, 1942

Cyr, George	Gifford, Earl C.
Brooks, Carleton H.	Kehoe, James A.
Hemenway, James A.	Johnson, Charles A.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
OF  
WEST BRIDGEWATER  
MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ending December 31

1942

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my annual report in accordance with Section 61, Chapter 41, General Laws, for the year ending December 31, 1942, giving a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the town and showing the amount of each specific appropriation, with statements showing the town debt and trust funds.

A. M. DEAN,  
Town Accountant.

# I

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1942

#### ASSETS

Cash:			
General		\$74,481.94	
Library—Petty Cash		10.00	
		<hr/>	74,491.94
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1941:			
Real Estate	28.41		
Personal	38.39		
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Levy of 1942:			
Poll	14.00		
Real Estate	15,446.77		
Personal	1,416.80		
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Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1941	20.60	
Levy of 1942	359.15	
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		17,324.12
Tax Titles		4,793.75
Tax Possessions		1,386.07
Departmental:		
Health	260.71	
State Aid	130.00	
Military Aid	45.00	
Old Age Assistance	938.11	
	<hr/>	1,373.82
Water Department:		
Rates & Services	2,254.55	
Liens, 1942	290.33	
	<hr/>	2,544.88
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		\$101,914.58

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Special Accounts:		
Westdale Improvement Society	174.76	
Surplus War Bonus Fund	540.32	
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Tailings		25.72
Payroll Deductions for Purchase of Defense or War Bonds		88.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,600.00
Scholarship Fund		62.50
Road Machinery Fund		3,786.11
Federal Grants:		
Vocational Education	75.27	
Old Age Assistance Cash Aid	254.22	
Old Age Assistance Cash Administration	6.92	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	.55	
	<hr/>	336.96
Unexpended Appropriation Balance		2,233.34
Water Department Available Surplus		5,082.59
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		4,512.54

## Overlay Reserved for Abatements of Taxes:

Levy of 1941	66.80	
Levy of 1942	2,627.19	
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		2,693.99

## Revenue Reserved until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise	379.75	
Tax Titles	4,793.75	
Tax Possessions	1,386.07	
Departmental	1,373.82	
Water	2,544.88	
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		10,478.27
Surplus Revenue		70,299.48
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\$101,914.98

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or fixed Debt	9,000.00
Water Loans	9,000.00

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash & Securities	33,444.37	
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		\$33,444.37
William J. & Anna C. Howard Scholarship Fund	5,044.59	
Library Funds	21,447.32	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	6,952.46	
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		\$33,444.37

## II

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

## RECEIPTS

## GENERAL REVENUE

## TAXES:

## Current Year:

Real Estate	\$65,649.34	
Personal	10,183.32	
Poll	2,066.00	
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		77,898.66

## Previous Years:

Real Estate	22,435.82	
Personal	1,778.44	
Poll	2.00	
Tax Recovery	198.62	
Tax Titles	1,574.28	
Tax Titles Possessions	784.29	
	<hr/>	26,773.45

## FROM THE STATE:

Income Tax	14,178.00	
Corporations Taxes	2,614.98	
Corporations, Gas, Electric & Water	6.47	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	175.84	
Reimbursement from Loss of Taxes	55.05	
Highway Funds, Chapter 420	6,892.17	
	<hr/>	23,922.51

## LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Beer and Liquor	416.00	
Oleo and Sunday Victuallers	50.50	
Pasteurizing Milk	100.00	
Permits and All Other Licenses	112.50	
	<hr/>	679.00

## FINES AND FORFEITS:

Fines—Court		195.00
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## GRANTS AND GIFTS:

## From the State:

## Schools:

Massachusetts School Fund	1,235.78	
Tuition of Children	466.27	
English Speaking Classes	135.08	
George Deen Federal Fund, Vocational	1,326.00	
	<hr/>	3,163.13

## From the County:

Dog Licenses		696.26
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## PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1942	7,500.99	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1941	403.49	
	<hr/>	7,904.48



## DEPARTMENTAL

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Treasurer	46.00	
Collector	1.00	
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		47.00

## TOWN HALL:

Rent and Miscellaneous	410.25	
Wood for Public Welfare	63.00	
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		473.25

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Sealer of Weights and Measures		35.93
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## HIGHWAY:

State & County Joint Maintenance	1,893.58	
State & County Joint Construction	1,226.40	
Machine Fund	204.10	
Miscellaneous	1.34	
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		3,325.42

## PUBLIC WELFARE:

## Reimbursement—Temporary Aid:

Cities and Towns	360.51	
State	2,437.45	
Individuals	128.50	
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		2,926.46

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

## Reimbursements:

Cities and Towns	502.49	
State	11,337.20	
Federal Grant	14,225.95	
Individuals	248.00	
Refund	31.50	
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		26,345.14

## DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

State	669.31	
Federal Grant	744.55	
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		1,413.86

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:

State Aid	120.00	
Military Aid	180.00	
	<hr/>	300.00

## SCHOOLS:

Refund		95.57
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## LIBRARY:

Fines		83.84
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE:

Water Rates	16,199.40	
Water Liens	843.86	
Miscellaneous	15.00	
	<hr/>	17,058.26

## INTEREST:

Real Estate and Personal	640.89	
Motor Vehicle Exicse	2.90	
Tax Title Redemption	86.15	
Charges & Fees	177.70	
	<hr/>	907.64

## AGENCY, TRUSTS AND INVESTMENTS:

Agency:		
Dog Tax		907.40

## Trusts:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Withdrawn for use	413.12	
Library Trust Funds, Withdrawn for use	121.50	
	<hr/>	534.62

## Investments:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	300.00	
Library Trust Funds	2,915.91	
Scholarship Trust Fund	5,106.80	
	<hr/>	8,322.71

## Departmental:

Deducted for Purchase of War Bonds		181.75
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Total Receipts		<hr/> \$204,191.34
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## Departmental Accounts

### PAYMENTS

#### MODERATOR

Appropriation	\$25.00
Expenses:	
Moderator	25.00

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appropriation	15.00
Expenses:	
Finance Committee	4.00

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	11.00
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#### PRESERVING OLD RECORDS

Appropriation	50.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	50.00

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#### LAW

Appropriation	25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	25.00

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#### OTHER FINANCIAL OFFICES

Appropriation	25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	25.00

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#### SELECTMEN

Appropriation		700.00
Expenses:		
Salary	424.00	
Clerk	74.10	
Printing & Advertising	40.51	
All Other	12.94	
Honor Roll	90.95	642.50

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	57.50
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## ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		675.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		111.34
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		786.34
Expenses:		
Accountant	624.00	
Printing	34.89	
All Other	127.45	786.34
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## TREASURER

Appropriation		1,300.00
Expenses:		
Salary	800.00	
Office Supplies	47.48	
Tax Title Expense	134.51	
Stationery & Postage	124.20	
Printing	1.30	
Travel	92.00	
Surety Bond	79.50	
Notary Fees	5.25	
All Other	3.60	1,287.84
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	12.16
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## COLLECTOR

Appropriation		1,895.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		54.35
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		1,949.35
Expenses:		
Salary	1,300.00	
Office Supplies	26.78	
Tax Title Expense	45.00	
Stationery & Postage	162.50	
Printing and Advertising	86.07	
Surety Bonds	190.00	
Travel	50.00	
Notary Fees	26.00	
Deputy Collector	63.00	1,949.35
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## ASSESSORS

Appropriation		1,700.00
Expenses:		
Salaries	1,001.50	
Transfers, Lists and Typist	208.25	
Stationery and Postage	3.50	
Travel	67.50	
Printing	111.93	
Supplies	20.91	
Other	2.00	1,415.59
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		284.41

## TOWN CLERK

Appropriation		807.50
Expenses:		
Salary	720.00	
Stationery & Postage	28.30	
Printing	22.50	
Office Supplies	11.38	
Travel	8.65	
Surety Bond	7.50	
All Other	3.00	801.33
Unexpended Balance reverting to Revenue		6.17

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		837.50
Expenses:		
Registrars	135.00	
Counters, Checkers, and Observers	347.67	
Annual Lists	172.80	
Typist	56.40	
Stationery & Postage	1.26	
Printing Forms	101.65	
All Other	7.01	821.79
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		15.71

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

## TOWN HALL

Appropriation		3,274.00
Expenses:		
Janitor	1,018.00	
Office Supplies	16.25	
Telephone	209.95	
Fuel	531.00	
Light	260.45	
Janitor's Supplies	48.81	
Repairs	768.49	
Water	14.00	2,866.95
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		407.05

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		2,300.00
Expenses:		
Chief	749.69	
Police	610.50	
Special Police	82.00	
Motor Equipment and Repair	115.22	
Gasoline & Oil	209.95	
Stationery & Postage	30.15	
Telephone	145.65	
Equipment for men	190.40	
All Other	12.00	
Law Books	103.40	2,248.96
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		51.04

## DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	35.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	19.00
	54.00
Expenses:	
Dog Officer	54.00



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		2,845.00
Expenses:		
Chief	191.27	
Bonus	190.00	
Firemen	1,053.04	
Truck Equipment, Repairs and Supplies	152.57	
Call Station	18.00	
Hose and Fittings	550.00	
Gasoline and Oil	64.59	
Supplies and Equipment	76.84	
Alarm System	21.50	
Electricity	94.62	
Telephone	122.75	
Records	6.88	
Fire Protection	12.69	
Other	10.96	2,727.71
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		117.29

## HYDRANTS

Appropriation	1,490.00
Expenses:	
Hydrants—Water Department	1,490.00

## FORESTRY

## MOTH EXTERMINATION

Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	672.50	
Labor	839.30	
Insecticides	176.10	
Equipment & Repairs	44.00	
Gasoline & Oil	59.71	
Supplies & All Other	8.24	
Truck Hire	72.00	1,871.85
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		628.15

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		700.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	296.10	
Labor	202.00	
Gasoline & Oil	20.25	
Truck Repair	1.00	
Tools & Hardware	2.80	522.15
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		177.85

## INSPECTOR

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		100.00
Expenses:		
Sealer	56.20	
All Other Supplies	8.91	
Gasoline & Oil	6.07	71.18
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		28.82

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## HEALTH

Appropriation		1,675.00
Expenses:		
Administration	79.90	
Forms & Supplies	12.40	
Care of Dump	208.08	
County Hospital	631.80	
Vital Statistics	107.25	
All Other	98.00	
Visiting Nurse	300.00	
Inspection of Animals	22.50	1,459.93
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		215.07

## HIGHWAYS

## HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		10,000.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	1,300.00	
Labor	6,501.00	
Equipment Hire	340.00	
Tarvia	512.73	
Electricity	9.30	
Grates, Sewer Pipe and Supplies	342.82	
All Other	41.45	9,047.30
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		952.70

## HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

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1941 Balance	807.65
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	817.65
From County of Plymouth	408.80
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	2,034.10
Expenses:	
Contractor	1,314.31
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	719.79

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## EAST CENTER STREET

Appropriation	1,000.00
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	946.79
From County of Plymouth	946.79
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	2,893.58

## Expenses:

Labor	798.72	
Equipment Hire	306.98	
Crushed Stone	986.47	
Tarvia	748.20	2,840.37

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	53.21
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## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	1,300.00
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## Expenses:

Supplies & Repairs	288.15	
Gasoline and Oil	446.42	734.57

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	565.43
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## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	1,000.00
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## Expenses:

Labor and Snow Plows	600.55	
Route No. 106	48.00	
Rent	25.00	
Tools	8.33	681.88

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	318.12
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## LAND DAMAGE

## CRESCENT STREET

1941 Balance	63.40
Balance carried forward to 1943	63.40

## SOUTH ELM STREET

1941 Balance	3.00
Balance carried forward to 1943	3.00

## RIVER STREET

1941 Balance	2.70
Balance carried forward to 1943	2.70

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## SPRING STREET

1941 Balance	301.65
Expense:	
Spring Street	272.20

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Balance carried forward to 1943	29.45
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## NORTH ELM STREET

1941 Balance	2.40
Balance carried forward to 1943	2.40

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## WEST STREET

1941 Balance	14.00
Balance carried forward to 1943	14.00

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## WEST CENTER STREET

1941 Balance	688.20
Balance carried forward to 1943	688.20

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## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	3,794.64
Expenses:	
Street Lights	3,787.37

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	7.27
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## CHARITIES

## PUBLIC WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	830.00
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## Expenses:

General Administration	729.80	
Printing & Postage	14.48	
Office Supplies	25.02	769.30

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		60.70
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## RELIEF

Appropriation		11,000.00
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## Expenses:

Groceries	895.12	
Fuel	198.03	
Medicine & Medical	757.86	
Cash Grants	2,255.26	
Rent	833.00	
Shoes & Clothing	44.98	
All Other	31.63	
Other Cities and Towns	2,053.09	7,068.97

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		3,931.03
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## DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		1,825.00
Federal Funds		744.55

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 2,569.55

## Expenses:

Administration	33.66	
Cash Aid	2,202.10	2,235.76

## Unexpended balance:

Reverting to Revenue		333.24
Federal Balance carried forward to 1943		.55

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		520.00
Federal Funds		455.33

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 975.33



## Expenses:

General Administration	722.50	
Printing & Postage	35.62	
Travel	25.50	
Office Expense	58.85	
All Other	10.50	852.97

## Unexpended balance:

Reverting to Revenue	115.44
Federal Balance carried forward to 1943	6.92

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	20,000.00
Refund	31.50
Federal Fund	13,785.62

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 33,817.12

## Expenses:

Cash Grants	27,990.55	
Funerals and Post Mortems	479.17	
Other Cities and Towns	1,181.32	29,651.04

## Unexpended balance:

Reverting to Revenue	3,911.86
Federal Balance carried forward to 1943	254.22

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF

Appropriation	1,000.00
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## Expenses:

Administration	70.60	
Fuel	42.81	
Medicine and Medical	50.50	
Rent	48.00	
Cash	80.00	
All Other	23.77	315.68

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	684.32
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## SOLDIERS' BURIAL

Appropriation	100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	100.00

## STATE AID

Appropriation	300.00
Expenses:	
State Aid	130.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	170.00

## MILITARY AID

Appropriation	500.00
Expenses:	
Military Aid	90.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	410.00

## EDUCATION

Appropriation	50,000.00
Refund	95.57
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	50,095.57

## Expenses:

## General Administration

Superintendent	2,294.30
Clerk	611.80
Truant Officer	50.00
Stationery, Postage and Printing	74.14
Telephone	293.61
Traveling Expense	324.35
School Census	45.00
Miscellaneous Administration	34.82

## Teachers' Salaries:

High	13,222.11
Elementary	18,906.10

## Health:

Nurse & Supplies	900.30
Physician	300.00

## Text Books &amp; Supplies:

## High:

Text Books	374.35
Supplies	940.06

Elementary:		
Text Books	679.24	
Supplies	739.27	
Tuition:		
Vocational	114.15	
Transportation	3,072.00	
Other Transportation	12.50	
Janitor:		
Elementary	2,618.52	
Fuel & Light:		
Fuel	2,268.82	
Gas	120.17	
Electricity	367.34	
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Repairs	1,300.80	
Water—High	36.77	
Janitors' Supplies	66.17	
Water—Elementary	84.00	
Other Expenses:		
Diplomas and Graduation Exercises	110.79	
Miscellaneous	131.75	50,093.23
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		2.34

## STATE AIDED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

## Smith-Hughes &amp; George Deen Funds

Federal Funds for Vocational Education	1,456.00
Expenses:	1,380.73
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Federal Balance carried forward to 1943	75.27

## SUNSET AVENUE HEATING PLANT

1941 Balance	74.00
Expense:	27.81
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Balance carried forward to 1943	46.19

## SUNSET AVENUE SCHOOL SANITATION

1941 Balance	24.14
Expense:	21.96
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Balance carried forward to 1943	2.18

## LIBRARY

Appropriation	1,300.00
Expenses:	1,238.15
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	61.85

## EXPENSES

Library Maintenance:		
Salaries:		
Librarian	325.00	
Assistants	324.29	
Janitor	100.00	
Cleaning & Janitor's Supplies	17.15	
Books & Periodicals:		
Books	321.34	
Fuel & Light:		
Fuel	64.00	
Light	7.50	
Other Expenses:		
Petty Supplies	35.92	
All Other	42.95	1,238.15
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## LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Expenses:	
Books, Periodicals and Bindings	403.55

## UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENSES
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags & Parks	750.00	628.14
Christmas Decorations at Monument Square	35.00	<hr/>
Memorial & Armistice Day	200.00	158.69
County Aid to Agriculture	100.00	100.00

Town Reports	477.24	477.24
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00	50.00
Dog Licenses	<u>          </u>	934.00
Plymouth County Hospital Assessment	1,904.01	1,904.01
Return from Old Age Assistance Reimbursement	<u>          </u>	109.00
War Bonds	<u>          </u>	93.75
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<u>198.17</u>

### CIVILIAN DEFENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenses:		
Janitor	785.00	
Telephone	158.23	
Electricity	56.93	
Fuel	310.62	
Janitor's Repairs and Supplies	188.66	
Water	10.50	
Real Estate Taxes	183.20	
Medical Supplies	38.58	
Black Out Materials	109.52	
Wardens' Supplies	54.14	
Auxiliary Police Supplies	147.04	
Radio	78.27	
Miscellaneous	86.56	
Administration Supplies	18.01	2,225.26
Balance carried forward to 1943		<u>274.74</u>

### RATIONING BOARD

Transfer from Reserve Fund	42.41
Expense	<u>42.41</u>

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Transfer from Reserve Fund	27.26
Expense	<u>27.26</u>

## INSURANCE

Appropriation		1,700.73	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		87.68	
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			1,788.41
Expenses:			
Liability	1,236.97		
Fire	463.76		
War Damage	87.68	1,788.41	
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## INTEREST

Appropriation		100.00	
Expenses:		3.77	
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		96.23	

## FEDERAL PROJECTS ACCOUNTS

1941 Balance		1,504.00	
Expenses:			
Commissary	449.04		
Music	18.00	467.04	
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Balance carried forward to 1943		1,036.96	

## NEW SPILLWAY IN TOWN RIVER

Transfer from Federal Projects, Balance		500.00	
Expenses:			
Labor	206.00		
Lumber	95.13		
Concrete	150.00		
Other	13.75	464.88	
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Balance carried forward to 1943		35.12	



## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

## WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		11,000.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	1,820.00	
Administration	471.48	
Labor	346.60	
Call Station	180.00	
Water	6,909.02	
Stationery, Posting and Printing	152.72	
Telephone	50.39	
Truck Repair, Supplies, All Other	106.21	
Pipe Fittings	457.19	
Gas & Oil	101.27	
Tools and Repairs	127.49	
Supplies	12.08	10,734.45
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Unexpended balance reverting to Water Receipts		265.55

## WATER BONDS AND INTEREST

Appropriation		2,884.80
Expenses:		
Bonds	2,740.00	
Interest	144.80	2,884.80
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## CEMETERY

Appropriation		130.00
Expenses:		
Care of Cemeteries		72.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		58.00

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Assessed in Tax Levy	8,542.90
Over Estimate carried forward from 1941	6.16
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	8,549.06

## Payments to the Commonwealth:

State Tax	8,250.00	
State Audit	179.81	
State Parks & Reservations	119.25	8,549.06

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## COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

Assessed in Tax Levy	5,509.26
Over Estimate carried forward from 1941	117.81

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5,627.07

## Payments to the County:

County Tax	5,627.07
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## AGENCY &amp; TRUST INVESTMENTS

Scholarship Fund New Principal	5,044.30
Cemetery Perpetual Care	121.50
Cemetery New Principal	300.00
Library Interest Account's	403.33
Library New Principal	2,522.15

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## Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise	43.20
Real Estate	120.50

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## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	3,000.00
Collector	54.35
Accounting	111.34
Dog Officer	19.00
Rationing Board	42.41
Transportation Committee	27.26
War Damage Insurance	87.68

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342.04

Unexpended balance reverting to Overlay Surplus	2,657.96
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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1942

## RECEIPTS

REVENUE	1940	1941	1942
GENERAL REVENUE			
Taxes:			
Property	\$98,673.31	\$103,341.24	\$102,604.11
Poll	2,014.00	2,126.00	2,068.00
Income	12,644.93	13,823.55	14,178.00
Corporations, Etc.	2,050.89	3,740.95	2,621.45
Licenses and Permits	457.00	653.50	679.00
Fines and Forfeits	298.00	22.00	195.00
Grants & Gifts:			
From the State	8,326.62	9,748.05	8,960.19
From the County (Dog Licenses)	660.31	578.95	696.26
COMMERCIAL REVENUE			
Privileges:			
Motor Vehicle Excise	7,118.67	8,874.65	7,904.48
Departmental:			
General Government	792.45	787.98	520.25
Protection of Persons and Property	38.51	34.43	35.93
Health and Sanitation	127.14	567.85	—
Highways	2,110.66	11,082.29	3,325.42
Charities	25,404.73	26,800.15	30,653.96
Soldiers' Benefits	437.50	422.50	300.00
Schools	729.31	531.80	1,326.00
Library	69.86	90.14	83.84
Unclassified	—	25.72	359.45
Water Department	14,275.96	14,426.50	17,058.26
Interest	1,192.45	1,045.05	729.94
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	\$177,422.30	\$198,723.90	\$194,219.54

## NON-REVENUE

## Indebtedness:

## Offsets to Outlays:

Water Loans	12,033.00		
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## Agency:

County Dog Tax	781.80	864.00	907.40
Trust and Investment	1,036.15	1,003.09	8,857.33
Refunds	80.15	52.53	127.07

Total Non-Revenue	\$13,931.10	\$1,919.62	\$9,891.80
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Total Receipts	191,353.40	200,643.52	204,491.34
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Cash Balance from Previous Years	40,822.33	43,858.85	50,190.44
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	\$232,175.73	\$244,502.37	\$254,381.78
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## PAYMENTS

## FROM REVENUE

## EXPENSES:

General Government	\$10,720.44	\$9,681.61	\$10,596.69
Protection of Persons and Property	8,302.74	10,580.29	8,985.85
Health and Sanitation	1,466.39	1,327.21	1,459.93
Highways	17,024.94	24,077.73	17,363.69
Charities	39,721.35	42,085.85	40,578.04
Soldiers' Benefits	1,587.62	1,012.12	535.68
Schools	49,573.36	48,976.00	51,523.73
Public Library	1,644.18	1,649.38	1,641.70
Recreation	481.37	542.57	628.14
Unclassified	8,835.71	9,643.76	7,911.95
Water Department	11,996.98	11,009.54	10,734.45
Cemeteries	127.75	121.08	72.00
Interest	314.61	296.92	148.57
Maturing Bonds and Notes	3,630.00	3,900.00	2,740.00

Total Expenses	\$155,427.44	\$164,904.06	\$154,920.42
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## OUTLAYS:

New Town Offices	1,754.51	48.00	_____
Town Garage	1,182.38	_____	_____

Schools	575.86	3,426.00	_____
Highways	_____	7,806.71	1,314.31
Water—6" Replacement	13,536.31	_____	_____
Total Outlays from Revenue	\$17,049.06	\$11,280.71	\$1,314.31
Total Payments from Revenue	\$172,476.50	\$176,184.77	\$156,234.73

## FROM NON-REVENUE

Agency:			
State Tax	\$8,320.00	\$9,075.00	\$8,250.00
State Parks & Reservations	_____	144.11	119.25
State Audit	223.20	221.56	179.81
County Tax	5,600.32	6,808.44	5,627.07
County Dog Tax	725.40	893.80	934.00
Trust and Investment	765.08	585.01	8,391.28
Refunds	206.38	399.24	163.70
Total Non-Revenue	15,840.38	18,127.16	23,665.11
Total Payments	188,316.88	194,311.93	179,899.84
Cash Balance at end of year	43,858.85	50,190.44	74,481.94
	\$232,175.73	\$244,502.37	\$254,381.78

## IV

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

## Water Loans

Date of Maturity	4% Bonds Issued 1913	4% Bonds Issued 1914	1% 12 Notes Issued 1940
1942	\$240.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
1943		500.00	2,000.00
1944		500.00	2,000.00
1945			2,000.00
1946			2,000.00
	_____	_____	_____
	\$240.00	\$1,500.00	\$10,000.00

# PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Invested In	Jan. 1, 1942	New Funds	Income Earned	Income Paid Out	Dec. 31, 1942
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>						
Everard-Alger	Brockton Savings Bank	\$	\$200.00	\$3.01	\$	\$203.01
Alfred E. Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	212.85		4.26	7.00	210.11
Sanford Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	50.84		1.01	1.00	50.85
William Burke	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	167.26		3.35	6.00	164.61
Davis Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.67		4.02	4.00	200.69
Mrs. Henry Copeland	Brockton Savings Bank	100.29		2.01	2.00	100.30
Lyman, & Pardon Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	650.79		13.07	13.00	650.86
Samuel G. Copeland	Peoples' Savings Bank	200.80		4.02	4.00	200.82
Samuel G. & James Copeland	Brockton Savings Bank	1,036.81		20.83	15.00	1,042.64
Martha K. Crosby	Peoples' Savings Bank	100.04		2.01	2.00	100.05
Mary A. Dewyer	Peoples' Savings Bank	109.25		2.19	5.00	106.44
Michael Dewyer	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.21		2.01	2.00	100.22
John E. & Desire L. Gould	Brockton Savings Bank	100.50		2.01	2.00	100.51
The Hartwell Fund	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	316.04		6.35	9.00	313.39
Etta L. Hartwell	Peoples' Savings Bank	318.02		6.39		324.41
Frank P. Hatch	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	160.90		3.22	3.00	161.12
Julia M. Hooper	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	140.31		2.81		143.12
Alba Howard	Brockton Savings Bank	101.34		2.03	2.00	101.37
Isabelle Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank	100.04		2.01	2.00	100.05
S. Nelson Howard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	103.19		2.07	2.50	102.76
Samuel H. Howard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	107.24		2.15	3.00	106.39



Harriet M. Jennings	Brockton Savings Bank	107.49		2.15	4.00	105.64
Abbie B. Jones	Brockton Savings Bank		100.00	1.50		101.50
Sumner D. Keith	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	110.80		2.21		113.01
Warren C. Kinney	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.80		4.02	4.00	200.82
Henry J. LeLacheur	Brockton Savings Bank	100.29		2.01	2.00	100.30
Joshua Morse	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	105.32		2.11		107.43
Emma F. Packard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	303.64		6.09	6.00	303.73
Fred A. Perkins	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	101.38		2.03	3.00	100.41
Rosa R. Shaw	Brockton Savings Bank	386.02		7.75	7.00	386.77
Sarah F. Shipman	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.17		2.01	2.00	100.18
Orrin A. Smith	Peoples' Savings Bank	150.06		3.01	3.00	150.07
South Street Cemetery	Peoples' Savings Bank	88.39		1.77		90.16
Robert Tibbetts	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.05		2.01	2.00	100.06
Charles C. Thayer	Peoples' Savings Bank	203.60		4.08		207.68
Mary Elizabeth Wilson	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.96		4.02	4.00	200.98
		\$6,636.36	\$300.00	\$137.60	\$121.50	\$6,952.46

#### LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Cornelia Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	\$671.09	\$	\$13.48	\$9.57	\$675.00
Nathan Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	500.00				500.00
Eliza P. Dalton & Millard O. Dalton	Brockton Savings Bank	250.00				250.00
Mary N. K. Edgerly	N. Easton Savings Bank	250.00				
	U. S. Fourth Liberty Bond	250.00				500.00

Francis E. Howard	Bridgewater Savings Bank	250.00			500.00
William J. Howard & Anna C. Howard	U. S. Fourth Liberty Bond	250.00			
Mary L. Perkins	Peoples' Savings Bank		22.15	.15	
Mary P. Whitman	War Bond Series G		2,500.00		
	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	1,000.00			2,522.30
	Brockton Savings Bank	3,000.00			1,000.00
	Bridgewater Savings Bank	4,000.00			
	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	4,000.00			
	Peoples' Savings Bank	4,000.00			15,000.00
		\$18,421.09	\$2,522.15	\$13.63	\$9.57
					\$20,947.30

#### LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Interest Acct. No. 1	Brockton Savings Bank	\$413.31		\$309.33	\$333.66	\$388.98
Interest Acct. No. 2	Brockton Savings Bank	76.96		103.97	69.89	111.04
		\$490.27		\$413.30	\$403.55	\$500.02

#### SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank		\$44.30	\$8.29	\$	
	War Bond Series G		5,000.00	62.50		5,107.09
			\$5,044.30	\$62.79	\$	\$5,107.09

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1942:

### MAINTENANCE

The year 1942 will go down in history, for my part, as one of the hardest years I have experienced on the highway work of West Bridgewater. We were unable to get material and have not made as much showing on the Highways as in previous years.

A large amount of gravel was put on Walnut Street, Beacon Street, High Street, Merritt Street, Columbus Avenue and Francis Avenue, these streets were to have a black surface but we were unable to get tarvia. Black patching was done on all streets and a great deal of shoulder work done with tarvia and gravel. All dirt roads were scraped two or three times and the grass and brush was cut down on the sidewalks and streets. Street signs, posts, traffic lines, stop signs, cross walks for school children and a great many fences were painted and repainted, as a protection against accidents.

### TARVIA SEAL COATED ROADS

We used all of the tarvia which we were able to get on 2,300 feet of Prospect Street and 1,600 feet of Maolis Avenue.

### DRAINS AND CATCH BASINS

A drain was laid on Prospect Street and three catch basins,

six hundred feet in length were built. All of the old catch basins were cleaned out.

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A distance of 3,600 feet on East Center Street was laid with a mixture called "Mixed-in-place". It has proved to be the best way to resurface a black road. First the road is half covered with crushed stone, then an application of highway tar is poured and mixed with the stone, next a road grader levels the mixture and spreads it over the entire surface two or three inches thick. After it has been laid by the grader it is rolled with a gas roller, when two or three weeks have gone by it is seal coated by using fine crushed stone instead of sand. It makes a very good road and will stand hard travel for ten to fifteen years. This road was widened from eighteen to twenty-four feet.

The highway built a new spillway in the town river between the main dam and the Arch Street Bridge. The Spillway will show for itself what was done.

## A FEW REMARKS

"What is the Town going to do for gravel", was the cry of many people a few years ago. The Highway Department solved this problem by opening a new gravel pit on South Elm Street. The best gravel we have ever used has been found and there is enough to last ten or fifteen years. A new sand pit has also been opened on East Street in the Matfield District.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople and the laborers who have worked with me, for their co-operation and kindness during 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. TUCKER,  
*Superintendent of Streets.*

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942

I went to see eight dogs seven consecutive times because of rabies. Made eight trips to eight different places relative to dogs nipping children.

I would like to submit for the interest of the Townspeople a copy of a letter received by me from the Department of Agriculture, Division of Livestock Disease Control, Boston, Massachusetts.

October 13, 1942

To Inspector of Animals:

Under Massachusetts Law, Chapter 129 Section 19, it reads, referring to Inspectors of Animals, "Inspectors shall make regular and thorough inspections of all neat cattle, sheep and swine found within the limits of their respective towns. Such inspection shall be made at such times and in such manner as the Director shall from time to time order."

It has been customary for many years to have such inspections ordered and conducted during the late fall. This year, I regret to inform you, that due to war conditions which include the rationing of gasoline and tires, there will be no meetings of Inspectors of Animals and neither will it be required that Inspectors of Animals make the usual inspection of neat cattle, sheep and swine in their respective towns or of the conditions under which they are kept.

The usual duties required of Inspectors of animals are to continue. I wish, however, to emphasize the importance of investigating all reports of contagious diseases of domestic animals in your respective city or town and the immediate reporting of any outbreak of diseases to this office.

I also wish to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of Dr. Peirce and myself for your cooperation with this department.

Very Sincerely yours,

James De Normandie,  
Director.

I do not know if we will have the same procedure during 1943 or not.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID DAILEY,  
*Inspector of Animals.*



## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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The financial transactions of the Town for the year 1942 may be briefly summarized as follows:

Cash on hand January 1, 1942	\$ 50,190.44
Cash on hand December 31, 1942	74,481.94
Received from Collector	128,082.77
Received from Other Sources	76,108.57
Total Receipts	204,191.34
Payments during the year 1942	179,899.84
Payments on Water Bonds and Notes	2,740.00
Payments of Interest on Water Bonds and Notes	164.80
Outstanding Water Bonds, December 31, 1942	1,000.00
Outstanding Water Notes, December 31, 1942	8,000.00
Tax Title Accounts, December 31, 1942	4,793.75
Tax Title Redemptions	1,285.18
Tax Title Partial Payments	289.10
Tax Title Added Interest	86.15
Tax Title Releases	42.00
Sale of Tax Title Possessions and Treasurers' Sale	784.29
Cemetery Trust Funds Additions:	
Estate of Abbie B. Jones for care of lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery	100.00
Estate of Hattie R. Evrard for care of Alger- Evrard lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery	200.00
Library Trust Funds Addition:	
Estate of Anna Clifford Howard to be known as "William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Library Fund"	2,522.15

## Scholarship Fund:

Estate of Anna Clifford Howard to be known as the "William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Scholarship"	5,044.30
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The report of the expenses of the Treasurer's office and a detailed account of the Library Trust Funds, and Cemetery Trust Funds, may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

ORVIS F. KINNEY,  
*Treasurer.*

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE

January 1, 1943

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## CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Your civilian defense committee, first organized in August, 1940, went into full war-time activity on December 7, 1941. A community, more or less apathetic to the possibility of imminent danger on our home front, swung into action. A sympathetic town meeting appropriated funds to insure to the townspeople whatever protection a civilian defense organization could give; and, in turn, this same organization immediately set to work to establish the various units recommended by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety.

The efficiency of these groups has been established through the untiring efforts of the division heads and the cooperation of the personnel who have taken the prescribed courses and who have so unselfishly given of their time and effort in carrying out their assignments during the past year.

Schools have been conducted and all who have satisfactorily completed the courses have been certified as follows:

96 Air Raid Wardens

25 Auxiliary Firemen

48 Auxiliary Policemen

Courses in First Aid Instruction have been given by Red Cross instructors throughout the year. The high school has conducted a class for instruction of messengers and will certify twenty-three (23). This course for messengers is one of the first

of its kind to be established in the state and has received a great deal of favorable comment.

The local defense organization has a well equipped, well staffed, and efficiently organized hospital and first aid unit, a rescue and a demolition squad each composed of men, capable of handling any emergency, an evacuation and a housing committee prepared to feed, house, or evacuate civilians should occasion demand. In addition we have men qualified through special courses conducted by the State and Federal Agencies for bomb reconnaissance and for decontamination and gas protection.

To overcome the difficulty encountered in getting qualified and competent men as speakers and instructors, the state committee conducted so-called "refresher courses". Seven members of our organization attended one of these courses and all were certified as A. R. P. instructors.

The Boy Scouts of the town have rendered invaluable service at the report center and many of them have completed the course offered by the high school.

In order to test the efficiency of the organization and to determine adjustments necessary in the several services we have participated in the seven practice mobilizations and blackouts. The report center also cooperated with the State Guard maneuvers on October 18.

The success of the entire program depends upon the education of the individual householder so that he may be of the greatest value to himself and to the community in an emergency. In an effort to provide some of this necessary information, the committee engaged Mr. William Sweetman of Brockton to give a demonstration in the proper methods of handling incendiary bombs in the home. We have also conducted one class in home protection and general A. R. P. information and we plan to hold other classes during the coming year.

A committee has been organized under the so-called Block Plan. The purpose of this committee is to inform the public of the purposes of various phases of our war effort and to disseminate whatever information may be of value to the individual family.

More than fifty men and boys volunteered their services for our salvage drive on October 12. Over thirty tons of material were collected and the proceeds from the sale of this material have been turned over to the local Red Cross organization with the expressed understanding that the money is to be used for the benefit of our own townspeople and service men. The West Bridgewater Red Cross canteen served a turkey dinner to the workers.

The executive committee has met every Saturday evening during the past year and has endeavored to organize and develop the work so that the greatest protection might be obtained with a minimum expenditure of funds. To assist us in this respect the heads of the town departments have cooperated by allowing us the use of their equipment for emergency purposes. Through the loyal cooperation of our citizens the Report Center telephone has been covered every minute since December 7, 1941.

We are indebted to the Howard Johnson Company which has loaned us for the duration the building used as the report center, and to the many individuals who have so kindly furnished the rooms.

H. E. Bryant, *Chairman*  
 Ralph S. Frellick, *Executive Secretary*  
 William W. Noyes, *Chief Warden*  
 Alfred T. Wells, *Food and Supplies*  
 Edward L. Bourne, *Chairman-Protection Div.*  
 James A. Kehoe, *Map Plot*  
 Horace E. Swann, *Evacuation*  
 Dr. A. O. Belmore, *Medical*

## THE REPORT OF THE LOCAL WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD, No. 325

A little over a year ago, when the Selectmen were authorized to appoint a committee to be known as the Tire Rationing Board in West Bridgewater, little did anyone realize that the Rationing program would reach such heights in one short year.

Walter C. Dunbar, Carl R. Pearson and J. Russell Hemenway were named to this Board by the Selectmen. After organizing and being duly sworn in as unpaid Federal employees, J. Russell Hemenway was elected as Chairman.

In March we accepted with regret, the resignation of Mr. Pearson as he entered the armed services of our Country, but were very fortunate in obtaining in his place, the services of Raleigh A. Holden.

At this time we were faced with the rationing of Sugar and so the word Tire was dropped from our title. Here we had the able assistance of the Superintendent of Schools and the Teachers in registering the residents of the Town.

Right on top of this, again with their assistance, came the first Gasoline Rationing. At this time with so many clerical duties being placed on the Board, we were able to have a full-time Clerk, her salary to be paid by the Federal Government, and we feel that we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Marjorie Clogston of East Bridgewater as our Clerk.

In July we had another gasoline ration which is the one now in force. Then along came Typewriters, Rubber Boots, Price Ceilings, Fuel Oil, Coffee, Heating Stoves and Bicycles. We were relieved of the Price Ceilings, that part of the OPA being transferred to Bridgewater.

With the rationing of Fuel Oil, the duties become too great for the present Board of three members so it was enlarged to



five members. Sherman H. Perkins and L. Merrill Caswell were appointed as our new members. Mr. James Kehoe was appointed Transportation Administrator. Although not a member of the Board, he has become very helpful to them in the issuance of Supplementary Gasoline.

On the first of December, again having clerical duties too numerous for one Clerk to handle, we again felt fortunate in being able to obtain Miss Gladys Bergstrom as a part-time Clerk, her salary also being paid by the Federal Government.

In the beginning, having no place to hold our meetings because of no available offices in the Town Hall, Mr. Dunbar, Tax Collector, very graciously invited us to share his office, for which, the rest of the Board was very appreciative, but as you can readily see, with five members and two clerks, it quickly grew too small for our purpose. Also, it interfered with the duties of the Tax Collector.

At this time we are very glad to state that, after a diligent search, we have at last acquired new quarters at the Defense Center and now the necessary alterations are being made.

Although the Federal Government does pay the salaries of our Clerk hire, and we are in hopes that they will furnish our office equipment, some expenses must be borne by the Town. Last year our expenses to the Town was a little over forty-two dollars (\$42.00). This year the cost to the Town will be much greater due to the necessary alterations of our new quarters, together with other expenses such as Heat, Electricity, Telephone, Janitor, etc.

In closing we wish to say that we have done our utmost to help our townspeople get their various necessary rations as soon as possible, but if we have seemed slow, remember that we have put in many nights and many, many hours for which, we, as a Committee or individually, do not receive one cent of compen-

sation. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our Superintendent of Schools, Charles G. Taylor, and all of the teachers for their very helpful assistance in registering the people for the various commodities. Also, we wish to extend our appreciation to the Selectmen for their help and cooperation, and all others who have helped in making this program a success in this Town.

J. RUSSELL HEMENWAY,

*Chairman.*

SHERMAN H. PERKINS

L. MERRILL CASWELL

RALEIGH A. HOLDEN

WALTER C. DUNBAR

*Members.*

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

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### POLL TAXES—1941

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$16.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2.00	
Abatements	14.00	
		16.00

### POLL TAXES—1942

Commitment per Warrants		\$2,280.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$2,066.00	
Abatements	200.00	
		2,266.00

Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$ 14.00
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### PROPERTY TAXES—1940

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$16.47
Refunded		45.00
Abatement	\$61.47	\$61.47

### PERSONAL TAXES—1940

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$92.65
Payments to Treasurer	\$87.40	
Abatements	5.25	
		92.65

### PROPERTY TAXES—1941

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$22,793.83
Refunded		47.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$22,435.82	

Abatements	47.40	\$22,841.23
Tax Title Takings	329.60	22,812.82

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Outstanding January 1, 1943		28.41
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#### PERSONAL TAXES—1941

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$1,730.22
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,691.04	
Abatements	.79	
	<hr/>	1,691.83

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Outstanding January 1, 1943		38.39
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#### PROPERTY TAXES—1942

Commitment per Warrant		\$82,901.96
Refunded		28.10
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		\$82,930.06

Payments to Treasurer	\$65,649.34	
Added to Tax Titles	937.44	
Abatements	932.68	
	<hr/>	\$67,519.46

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Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$15,410.60
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#### PERSONAL TAXES—1942

Commitment per Warrants		\$12,092.64
Payments to Treasurer	\$10,183.32	
Abatements	492.52	
	<hr/>	10,675.84

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Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$ 1,416.80
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#### TAXES RECOVERED FROM ESTATE

Commitment per Warrant		\$198.62
Payment to Treasurer		198.62

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX—1941

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$394.72
Commitments—1942		74.29
Refunded		18.83
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		\$487.84
Payments to Treasurer	\$403.49	
Abatements	63.75	
	<hr/>	467.24
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Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$ 20.60

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1942

Commitment per Warrants		\$8,019.35
Refunded		24.37
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		\$8,043.72
Payments to Treasurer	\$7,500.99	
Abatements	183.58	
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Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$ 359.15

WALTER C. DUNBAR,  
*Collector.*

## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

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Total Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1942	\$150,371.41
Appropriations at Special Town Meetings	None
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Total Appropriations made since 1941 rate was fixed	\$150,371.41
State Tax 1942	8,250.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax 1942	119.25
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	179.81
County Tax 1942	5,627.07
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,904.01
Overlay	4,252.39
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Total Amount to be Raised	\$170,703.94
Less Total Estimated Receipts	55,311.37
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	\$115,392.57
Less Overestimates 1941	123.97
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	\$115,268.60
Less Amounts Taken from Available Funds	18,000.00
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	\$97,268.60
Less Poll Taxes (1137 at \$2.00)	2,274.00
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Net amount to be raised by taxes on Property	\$ 94,994.60
Property Taxes Assessed Subsequently	None
Poll Taxes Assessed Subsequently	6.00



## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons, Partnerships, Corporations,  
etc., assessed:

On Personal Estate Only	105
On Real Estate Only	960
On Both Personal and Real Estate	83

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Total Number Assessed	1,148
Number of Male Polls Assessed	1,137

Value of Assessed Personal Estate

Stock in trade	\$ 10,575.00
Machinery	33,000.00
Live Stock	93,475.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	294,830.00

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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$431,880.00
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Value of Assessed Real Estate

Land	\$ 669,884.00
Buildings	2,290.900.00

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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	\$2,960,784.00
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Total Value of All Assessed Property	\$3,392,664.00
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Tax Rate Per \$1,000.00	\$28.00
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Tax for all Purposes Spread as follows:

On Polls	2,274.00
On Personal Estate	12,092.64
On Real Estate	82,901.96

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Total Taxes Assessed	\$ 97,268.60
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Number of Horses Assessed	66
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Number of Cows Assessed	858
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Number of Yearlings, Bulls and Heifers Assessed	97
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Number of Swine Assessed	7
Number of Sheep Assessed	6
Number of Fowl Assessed	26,250
Number of Goats Assessed	8
Number of Dwellings Assessed	911
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	9,000.39

## EXEMPTED PROPERTY

*Real Estate*

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater	\$107,250.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society	15,500.00
Baptist Society	6,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Society	8,325.00
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston	24,100.00
Sunset Avenue Congregational Society	4,700.00
Unitarian Society	13,500.00
Cemeteries (Privately Owned)	4,540.00
Town Hall and Lot	15,500.00
Fire Station	2,000.00
Highway Building and Lot	9,500.00
Library	3,400.00
School Department (Land and Buildings)	66,100.00
Parks	8,800.00
Cemeteries (Town Owned)	600.00
Various Lots Owned by Town	5,895.00
Property of the Commonwealth	2,523.00

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Total Value of Exempted Real Estate      \$298,933.00

*Personal Property*

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater	\$ 7,000.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society	8,000.00
Town of West Bridgewater:	
Fire Department	15,000.00

Highway Department	4,000.00
Library	8,000.00
Moth Department	2,000.00
Police Department	500.00
School Department	7,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	250.00
Town Hall and Offices	3,000.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Water Department	152,000.00
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Total Value Exempted Personal Property	\$206,850.00
Total Value All Exempted Property	\$505,783.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

## 1941 M. V. E. Committed

	<i>No. of Cars</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Excise</i>
January 26, 1942	26	\$ 11,590	\$ 74.29
1st Commitment Mar. 11, 1942	138	31,470	1,150.68
2nd Commitment Mar. 31, 1942	743	138,350	5,063.33
3rd Commitment April 9, 1942	128	24,970	903.81
4th Commitment June 2, 1942	75	11,440	360.63
5th Commitment Oct. 8, 1942	96	13,610	322.05
6th Commitment Dec. 8, 1942	73	12,370	200.85
7th Commitment Dec. 29, 1942	9	630	18.00
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	1288	\$244,430	\$8,093.64
Average Assessed Value Per Car			\$189.77
Average Excise Per Car			\$6.28

ROBERT G. DEAN  
WILLIAM W. PHILLIPS  
ALBERT A. HOWARD  
*Board of Assessors.*

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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In compliance with the requirements of the law I herewith submit my annual report of the work done by me as sealer of weights and measures for the year 1942.

I have visited all the various places in town known to have weighing or measuring devices and have tested and sealed or condemned the same.

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Platform Scales		22	
Counter Scales		5	
Beam Scales		3	
Spring Scales	1	25	2
Computing Scales		7	
Person Weigher		1	
Avoirdupois Weights		67	1
Vehicle Tanks		1	
Liquid Measures		33	1
Gasoline Meters		22	1
Kerosene Pumps		5	

Fees Collected \$35.93

CHRISTOPHER READ,  
*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN and MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of the condition of the gypsy moth pest as I have observed it during the year 1942. During the year I have noticed a decrease in the number of gypsy moth over previous years. In scouting for egg clusters we have not found them as numerous as usual.

We have sprayed all the shade trees in the town and many of them twice. The elm leaf beetle did a lot of damage to the Elm trees and as Tree Warden, I have done the usual amount of trimming of low hanging limbs and have cut out a great many dead limbs. We have also cut down several dead trees that were dangerous.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER READ,

*Tree Warden and*

*Moth Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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The year 1942 has been a year of change. We have seen many of the duties of this Board, which in the past have been thought of as routine, either done away with entirely or greatly curtailed. To offset this we have had many new duties and problems to consider.

New Boards and Committees have been organized to deal with conditions brought on by the war. With all of these the Board of Selectmen has tried to cooperate in every way.

To all who have served on these Boards and Committees the Selectmen wish to express their sincere gratitude. It is work done without compensation or thanks and is a sincere contribution to the war effort.

Many of the Departments of the Town have been forced to limit their work during the past year due either to a scarcity of materials or labor. However, the property and highways of the Town were in very good condition at the beginning of the year and probably will not suffer materially even though little is done for some time to come.

Work on the highways has been confined to maintenance with the exception of several hundred feet of new surface on East Center Street.

It has been our misfortune to lose the service of Selectman Carl R. Pearson, who was inducted into the Army in April. His loss has been keenly felt by this Board. However, we can but



feel that he is now serving in a much greater way and wish him the best of good fortune.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation which has been shown by all of the various departments and by the citizens of the Town.

Signed

JAMES A. HEMENWAY

JOSEPH B. PORTER

*Selectmen of West Bridgewater.*

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

*Division of Accounts*

*State House, Boston*

To the Board of Selectmen

January 25, 1943

Mr. James A. Hemenway, Chairman

West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of West Bridgewater, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1942, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

*Director of Accounts.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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During the year 1942 there were 126 reportable diseases sent in to the Board of Health as follows:

	1942	1941
Chicken Pox	41	4
Dog Bite	2	6
German Measles	21	2
Measles	21	53
Meningitis Pfeiffer Bacillus	1	0
Mumps	30	20
Pneumonia, Lobar	2	0
Scarlet Fever	6	2
Whooping Cough	2	28
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Total	126	118

Although we had only six more contagious diseases reported in 1942 than we had in 1941, it does not mean that we will not have an epidemic in the future. So we emphatically urge the parents and people of West Bridgewater, to continue their co-operation and loyalty in reporting these diseases as they occur to the Board of Health, for by so doing it will make it possible for adequate quarantine, and we may be able to check these diseases to some degree and prevent many adults and children from infection.

Statistics show that, a great many of our boys, who were deferred in the Army after taking their physical examination, had defects which were without doubt due to some complication

of these contagious diseases, principally measles, which is one, if not the worst disease when complicated, and if neglected may mean either the death or serious crippling of the child. Let us coöperate with the Local and State Boards of Health and try to keep our children in the best of condition, so that they may grow up mentally and physically in sound health.

I have made inspections of the sanitary conditions of all school buildings and found them to be in accord with the requirements of the Board of Health.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held at the Town Hall in May of this year, under the direction and cooperation of the Board of Health, and assisted by Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, I gave three inoculations, two weeks apart, of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin, to seventy-two children, there were no reactions. The results obtained were satisfactory.

A. O. BELMORE, M. D.,

*Health Officer.*

JAMES A. HEMENWAY, Ch.

JOSEPH B. PORTER, Clerk

*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1942.

Appropriation	\$2,300.00
Payments	2,048.96
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Balance	\$ 51.04
Complaints and Investigations	139
Automobile violations	169
Automobiles turned over to registry	40
Automobile violations on file	129
Cause of Summons and Arrests:	
Operating under the influence	5
Operating so as to endanger	8
Refusing to show license	1
Leaving scene of accident without making self known after causing property damage	1
Leaving scene of accident without making self known after causing personal injury	1
Speeding	12
No periodic inspection sticker	8
Failing to stop for an officer	2
Drunk	13
Attempt larceny	4
Larceny	5
Non-support	1
Maliciously breaking windows	1
Runaway	1

Illegitimacy	2
Violation of the milk law	1
Violation of probation	1
Assault and Battery	1
Abandonment	1
No License	2
On suspicion, turned over to F.B . I.	1
Disturbance	2
Arrests made out of this State	1
Delinquency	1
Miscellaneous:	
Automobile accidents	18
Automobile accidents, persons killed	2
Automobile accidents, persons taken to doctor	2
Automobile accidents, persons taken to doctor then to hospital	5
Persons ill taken to doctor	2
Persons ill taken to hospital	2
Persons injured and taken to doctor	3
Persons injured by automobile and bicycle accidents	3
Persons committed suicide	2
Persons attempted suicide	2
Persons burned and taken to hospital	1
Number plates returned to Registry	2
Fire alarm answered by police	9
Persons reported missing and located	4
Summons served for other Departments	9
Investigations with other departments	5
Wires down and reported	2
Persons committed to State Hospital	2
Persons escaped from State Hospital and located	1
Emergency communications delivered	7
Property recovered	\$2,300.00
Defective light tickets given out	165

Liquor places opened after hours and closed on order of police	5
Water main broke and reported by police	1
Transfer papers given out and received	107

The Auxiliary Police Department consists of forty-two active members. They meet the second and fourth Monday of every month. To them I express my hearty thanks and appreciation for their past cooperation.

I sincerely wish to express my hearty thanks and appreciation to the Selectmen and all others who have cooperated with me.

To my officers I also extend my hearty thanks for their genuine cooperation that they have shown the police department.

P. DOUGLAS EATON,  
*Chief of Police.*



## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of the West Bridge-water Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1942.

### VALUE LOSSES AND INSURANCE PAID

Assessor's value of buildings	\$18,925.00
Insurance on buildings	17,200.00
Insurance paid on buildings	1,979.60
Estimated Value on Contents	8,250.00
Insurance on Contents	9,100.00
Estimated loss on contents	1,600.00
Insurance paid on contents	None

(It so happened that where there were losses on contents from fire there was no insurance.)

### FIRES

Frame buildings	27
Glassland (10½ acres)	25
Brush and Woodland (18½ acres)	21
Automobile	1
Tractor	1
Dump	2
Drowning	False 1
Cat in Tree	1
Telephone Poles	1

Dog through Ice	1
Call for inhalator	1
Aid calls	3
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Total calls answered	85

### PERMITS

Oil Burner	9
Open air fires	118

### REMEMBER

All fires in open air require a written permit from the Chief of the Fire Department. No permits issued during the months of April and May except on rainy days. This is a state law.

The Department has traveled 499 miles, laid 22,300 feet of booster hose, 6,350 feet of 2½ inch hose, 2,300 feet of 1½ inch hose, raised 315 feet ladders and used 96 gallons chemicals, engines have pumped 41 hours and fifteen minutes.

### INVESTIGATION

I have investigated two complaints and four calls from the Fire Tower located in Hanson.

### APPARATUS

One 500 gallon triple combination Buffalo Equipment on Diamond T chassis, purchased in 1937.

One Maxim 500 gallon triple combination purchased in 1924.

One Chevrolet combination with 120 gallon booster tank and pump used to extinguish grass and woods fires. Built in 1938 by the Fire Department.

One twelve foot boat and trailer presented to Town by the American Legion for emergencies.

## CALL FORCE

The Call Force consists of one chief, one acting deputy chief, one captain, one acting captain, fifteen privates and five forest fire wardens.

## FIRE ALARM AND SCHOOL SIGNAL

Siren and tapper system tested daily except Sundays.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE

CHIEF	4137-W	STATION	4137-R
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Remember the easiest way to extinguish a fire is to prevent it from starting. This can be done by being careful in the home, and in the open. Keep your chimneys clean, be careful of extension cords, when worn replace with new, do not put hot ashes in wood or paper containers, do not smoke in bed, be sure your cigarette, cigar or pipe ashes are out before discarding them, never replace a blown fuse with a penny, always break a match before throwing it away. Do not place papers, rubbish or kindling near heater, keep your matches in a metal container, do not fill your attic full of useless articles and papers, if they are worthless get rid of them, keep your polishing cloths, and oily rags and mops in a metal container. If you wipe a hot stove with a cloth or papers be sure it is not afire before putting it away.

Fire in a building where there is good house keeping is the exception not the rule.

To help keep your fire losses small call your fire department immediately on discovering a fire either in a building, grassland or woodland.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and all others who have in any way helped the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. BOURNE,  
*Chief Fire Department.*

## REPORT OF COMMISSARY

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During the year 1942 the Commissary distributed the following amounts of food and clothing:

### FOOD

#### Fresh:

Apples	25,574	Lbs.
Beets	3,024½	"
Cabbage	4,240	"
Carrots	1,035	"
Lard	3,434	"
Onions	3,099	"
Squash	2,679	"
Sweet Potatoes	6,425	"

#### Canned:

Apples	236	Cans
Milk	3,468	"
Grapefruit Juice	257	"

#### Cereal:

Corn Meal	4,746	Lbs.
Graham Flour	10,274½	"
Rolled Oats	2,362	"
Wheat Cereal	3,936	"
Wheat Flour	24,500	"
Eggs	3,839	Doz.

#### Dried:

Beans	4,261	Lbs.
Prunes	2,916	"

## CLOTHING

3,180 pieces including 4 layettes, and 5 sheets for bed patients.

As both the food and clothing are greatly appreciated by recipients we trust this department will continue to be of service.

In conclusion we wish to thank all those who have so generously cooperated to make the past year successful.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. WILLIAMS,

*Supervisor.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### TRUSTEES

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Louis P. Hayden	1940	1943
Martha B. Mason	1940	1943
*Jean Rollins Puffer	1942	1944
Daniel J. Lothrop	1941	1944
Ada M. Wood	1942	1945
Basil M. Soule	1942	1945

\*Jane Bartlett appointed to fill the unexpired term of  
Jean Rollins Puffer.

Chairman	Daniel J. Lothrop
Secretary	Ada M. Wood
Treasurer	Martha B. Mason

### BOOK COMMITTEE

Martha B. Mason	Ada M. Wood
Daniel J. Lothrop	Jean R. Puffer

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Daniel J. Lothrop

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## Report of the Librarian

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

I respectfully submit the report of the Public Library for  
the year 1942.



We are pleased to note that the circulation for the year, 29,133 books, shows but a slight decrease below 1941, considering the curtailment in the use of cars, necessitating fewer visits to the library of patrons who reside in the distant parts of the town. We appreciate the continued kindness of Mrs. Prescott Snell and Miss Mary Nelson who handle deposits of books in the North End and Jerusalem sections of the town.

We have had an unusually large number of calls for books of a technical nature from the young men in defense work, or because of interest in the branches of the armed service to which they may be assigned. Books on aviation and radio head this list; to augment our own books on these subjects we have borrowed freely from the State Library.

The Library has been the recipient of many gifts of books, including several sets by standard authors.

The call for books for the men in service met a hearty response and we have sent away 718 books. The drive continues and books may be left at the library any time. We thank Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frellick and Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser for their kindness in sorting and delivering the books for us.

Under improvements we filled a long-felt need of a vertical file for the filing of pamphlets, mounted pictures, maps and so forth. The file was the work of the manual training class under Mr. Morton at the Center School. During the vacation period new steps were added to the outside of the building.

One change was made in the staff personnel, the resignation of Miss Ruth Bemis as part-time assistant and the appointment in her place of Mrs. Lucille Lyseth.

We feel deeply the passing of one of our trustees, Mrs. Clar-

ence Puffer, who has shown by her many gracious deeds her sincere interest in the welfare of the library.

We thank our trustees and our patrons for their continued thoughtfulness and hope to serve even better in the coming year.

JEAN M. MURDOCK,

*Librarian.*

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## STATISTICS

### Circulation

Adult fiction	13,036
Adult non-fiction	3,280
Juvenile books	9,068
Magazines	3,749
Total circulation	29,133

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Books added by purchase—Adult	234
Books added by purchase—Juvenile	93

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	327
Books added by gift	199

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## SCHOOL CIRCULATION

### Elementary

Fiction	2,178
Non-fiction	2,605
Magazines	44

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Total	4,827
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Secondary	
Fiction	588
Non-fiction	570
Magazines	11
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Total	1,169
Total Elementary	4,827
Total Secondary	1,169
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Total School	5,996

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### NEW BOOKS ADDED IN 1942

#### *Fiction*

Lieutenant's Lady	Aldrich
Horn of Life	Atherton
Advance Agent	August
Red Is for Killing	Bagby
Apprehensive Dog	H. C. Bailey
Nobody's Vineyard	H. C. Bailey
Pink Camellia	T. Bailey
Blue Horizons	Baldwin
Breath of Life	Baldwin
Fiddle Longspay	Bledsoe
Man from Mustang	Brand
Silvertip	Brand
Frontier Passage	Bridge
Until the Day Break	Bromfield
Boy from Maine	Brush
Dragon Seed	Buck
Ladies in Boxes	Burgess
Way of All Flesh	Butler

Look to the Mountain	Cannon
Autumn Glory	Carfrae
Head of the Line	Carroll
Saint Goes West	Charteris
Drivin' Woman	Chevalier
Body in the Library	Christie
Moving Finger	Christie
Murder in Retrospect	Christie
Riders of Rimrock Trail	Cole
No Past is Dead	Connington
Violet	Cook
Kimball Collection	Corbett
Midsummer Nights Murder	Crosby
Valley of Decision	Davenport
Gunsmoke Graze	Dawson
Gun-Quick	Denver
Days of Ofelia	Diamant
The Robe	Douglas
Frenchman's Creek	DuMaurier
Young Ames	Edmonds
Valley of Night	Farnol
The Children	Fedorova
Blood on Her Shoes	Field
Law Man of Powder Valley	Field
Bride of Glory	B. Field
Fiesta in November	Flores
Best American Short Stories 1941 - 1942	Foley
The Renegade	Forman
Unconscious Witness	Freeman
— This Side of Land	Frost
— Case of the Drowning Duck	Gardner
Thunderbird	Garth
North to Danger	Gill
— Blue Hills	Goudge

Castle on the Hill	Goudge
Under My Elm	Grayson
Border Line	Gregory
Man from Texas	Gregory
Diplomatic Honeymoon	Greig
Girl Without Credit	Greig
Killers of Green's Cove	Grinstead
Majesty's Rancho	Grey
Lover of Life	Harsanyi
— See Here, Private Hargrove	Hargrove
Alder Gulch	Haycox
New Way of Life	Hichens
— Girl in the Woods	Hill
— Street of the City	Hill
Cup and the Sword	Hobart
All Sails Set	Holton
— This One Kindness	Hueston
Fallen Sparrow	Hughes
Gentleman Banker	Jennings
Widening Stain	Johnson
— Mrs. Appleyard's Kitchen	Kent
Michael's Girl	Kerr
Crescent Carnival	Keyes
Flood Tide and Stars	King
Affair of the Limping Sailor	C. Knight
Affair of the Splintered Heart	C. Knight
— Bells for the Dead	K. Knight
— Terror by Twilight	K. Knight
— Vengeance Trail	Kim Knight
Bright to the Wanderer	Lancaster
Cornish Tales	Lee
— Death on the Aisle	Lockridge
Pardners of the Badlands	Lomax
— Rainbow at Dusk	Loring

—Cousin William  
 The Uninvited  
 Boomtown Buccaneers  
 Riddle of Ramrock Ridge  
 Shadow River  
 Dancing Star  
 Gunsmoke Trail  
 Laugh Last, Mr. Moto  
 Arms and the Man  
 Rivers of Glory  
 Time for Silence  
 Walls of Jericho  
 Daffodil Affair  
 —Ivory Mischief  
 Desperate Angel  
 —Sheridan Road  
 Thorofare  
 Sea-Gulls Cry  
 Men Without a County  
 Apple for Eve  
 —Dina Cashman  
 West of the Rainbow  
 —Man Who Changed His Plea  
 Golden Age  
 —Then Came the Test  
 Hold Autumn in Your Hand  
 Mr. Limpett  
 Calamity Town  
 The Damyank  
 Justice Deferred  
 —Haunted Lady  
 If This Be Destiny  
 Frayne of the Flying Y  
 Seco Bonanza

D. Lutes  
 MacArdle  
 MacDonald  
 MacDonald  
 MacDonald  
 Malvern  
 Mann  
 Marquand  
 M. Marshall  
 Mason  
 Maurois  
 McCord  
 McIness  
 Meeker  
 Miller  
 Miller  
 Morley  
 Nathan  
 Nordhoff  
 Norris  
 Norris  
 Ogden  
 Oppenheim  
 Parmenter  
 Pedler  
 Perry  
 Pratt  
 Queen  
 Raine  
 Raine  
 Rinehart  
 Robins  
 Rodney  
 Rodney



Columbus	Sabatini
Good Comrades	Salten
Army Doctor	Seifert
Surgeon in Charge	Seifert
Silent Don	Sholokhov
Sunset Graze	Short
Tamara	Skaratina
Brand Stealer	Snow
Outlaws of Sugar Loaf	Snow
— No Brighter Glory	Sperry
— Six Iron Spiders	Taylor
Three Plots for Asey Mayo	Taylor
Murder Is Out	Thayer
War and Peace	Tolstoy
Man Miss Susie Loved	Tucker
— Mystery of the Red Triangle	Tuttle
Valley of Vanishing Birds	Tuttle
Thunder in Heaven	Von Tempski
Talent for Murder	Wells
Robber Bridegroom	Welty
Song of Bernadette	Werfel
— Angela Come Home	Widdemer
Seven Tempest	Wilkins
Time of Peace	Williams
— Man Who Went Away	Wright
Victory for Love	Wynne

*Non-Fiction*

— Two Way Passage	Adamic
— What's Your Name	Adamic
Innocent Merriment	Adams
Native American	Baker
New Ency. of Machine Shop Practice	Barnwell
Book of Bays	Beebe

—Yankee Star Gazer	Berry
—St. Lawrence (The)	Beston
Riding	Boniface
Accustomed As I Am	Brown
Fair Is Our Land	Chamberlain
—The Kentucky	Clark
No Life for a Lady	Cleaveland
First Person Singular (Monologues)	Clements
Am. Machinists' Handbook	Colver
Home Vegetable Garden	Coulter
What Every Citizen Should Know	
About the Marines	Craige
Mission to Moscow	Davies
—The Wisconsin	Derleth
Yankee Fighter (Hasey)	Dineen
Cokesbury Shower Book	Fite
—Paul Revere and the World He Lived In	Forbes
Shop Theory	Ford Trade School
1941 Information, Please	Golenpaul
Unfinished Symphony	Goss
Blueprint Reading	Graham
Introducing Australia	Grattan
Long Ships Passing	Havighurst
This Chemical Age	Haynes
—Angel Mo and Her Son, Roland Hayes	Helm
Principles of Radio	Henney
Unknown Country	Hutchinson
Tennis	Jacobs
Queen of the Flat Tops	Johnston
American Pewter	Kerfoot
What the Citizen Should Know About	
the Merchant Marines	Lane
—By Pan-American Highway Through S. America	Lanks
English American Furniture	Lesansky

American Pilgrimage	Malone
Best Plays 1941 - 1942	Mantle
West With the Night	Markham
—The Sangamon	Marsters
America for Me	McBride
Cruising Manual	Mefferd
General Douglas MacArthur	Miller
Admiral of the Ocean Sea (Columbus)	Morison
Good Intentions	Nash
Manual of Harmony	Otterstrom
Pool of Memory	Oppenheim
Be Your Own Gardner	Patterson
Vitamins & Minerals for Everyone	Pattee
Forward the Nation	Peattie
Forty Power Tools You Can Make	Pop. Mechanics Press
Save \$100 a Year on Your Car	Pop. Mechanics Press
Cross Creek	Rawlings
—We Took to the Woods	Rich
Will Rogers	Rogers
Victory Through Air Power	Seversky
My India—My America	Shridharami
—Our Hearts Were Young and Gay	Skinner
Byways to Adventure	Teale
Return to the Future	Undset
Members of the Family	Van de Water
Lives	Van Loon
Return to the Future	Van Plassen
—Time and the Town	Vorse
—The Allegheny	Way
—Cabin in the Pines	Wheeler
Sweets Without Sugar	White
They Were Expendable	White
Ambassadors in White	Wilson
Anyone Can Paint	Zaidenbery

## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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Work of the Department was very much curtailed during the past year due to conditions brought on by the war. There was a small amount of new construction and services were installed to these buildings. Other older installations were renewed or cleaned and repaired.

At the present time government regulations make it impossible for the Department to do any work other than of an emergency nature.

Supplies and equipment on hand at the close of the year are sufficient to take care of any anticipated needs.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE SOUSA,  
*Superintendent.*

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE**

1942

During 1942 the Extension Service program has been greatly changed as a result of war-time conditions. At the beginning of this war, food production was immediately recognized as one of the great essentials in combat. Our slogan "Food Will Win the War and Write the Peace" is being brought to a more definite realization as our allied forces assume greater offensives. On the home front, the production of food is becoming a critical item. Therefore, Extension Service programs have been geared to do their important part in the organization and education of the production and preservation of food.

Because of the nature of Extension Service work, as it is conducted for many projects on a county-wide basis, it is difficult to outline specifically all of the benefits that a particular town has derived. More than ever, in 1942 the Extension Service has been called upon to execute a large share of the assignments found necessary to promote the war effort. Through the Plymouth County U. S. D. A. War Board, of which the Extension Service is a principal factor, leaders have been chosen to act in the interest of fellow farmers and for rural people. While many of the committees such as Farm Machinery Rationing, Farm Transportation, and Rural Policy Committees, have not functioned on a town basis, they have indirectly and directly contributed to the welfare of the townspeople. Town War Action Committees were set up early in 1942 in practically every town in Plymouth County to assume responsibility and to organize

and promote the assignments felt necessary within the town. In the year to come these committees will assume a greater role in furthering the Food Production Program.

Commodity project work for dairy, poultry, fruits, vegetables, forestry, and cranberries are conducted largely on a county-wide or regional basis. The Extension agents plan to distribute these meetings in as many towns as possible so that the work may be brought to the attention of as many people as possible on a practical basis. Farm and home visits are made only to fulfill requests, or where visits promote project work. Travel limitations greatly reduced the number of farm visits, but greater demands were made by telephone and through individual letters. Rural families having use for information released by the Plymouth County Extension Service and the Massachusetts State College Extension Service will find this available upon request to the county office. Three departments in Agriculture, Homemaking, and 4-H Club Work, are represented by two agents for each department. Joint responsibility is often shared for certain projects.

The County Home Demonstration Agents conducted meetings on clothing instruction, food buying, Christmas Greens, Garden Planning, Food Preservation, and Food Storage during the past year. However, the majority of the work was placed on the essential item—food production, preservation, and storage.

Four-H Club projects were carried on in every town offering the possibilities of organized clubs for poultry, dairy, garden, and handicraft for boys. Girls' 4-H Club work was available in clothing, food, home furnishing, and food preservation. Outstanding work has been accomplished by these departments on a town basis. Much credit is due local leadership in the success of these projects.

The Extension Service work is of such wide scope that the



efforts of Extension agents cannot be confined to strictly Extension Service activities. Close cooperation is given any worthwhile organization which contributes to better family living.

In 1943, the Food Production Program must of necessity require the major part of the Extension Service work. Food is considered a most critical item in the war strategy. Extension agents and leaders will devote long and arduous hours in making sure that this item does not fall short of the essential demands. Each town which contributes to the support of this organization is doing its part to make sure that Democracy shall live and that this educational process of proven value shall endure.

#### PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE.

A great deal of credit is due our Extension Service in Plymouth County for their leadership and cooperation in carrying out the many war time programs. We on the home front can assist them by aiding in those projects which so directly affect us even in rural communities.

If there are problems that come within the broad scope of Extension Service it will be found that our agents are as ever willing and eager to assist.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD H. CARLSON,  
*Town Director.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
WEST BRIDGEWATER  
FOR THE YEAR  
1942

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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### MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION of SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lloyd P. Tyrer, Chairman	Term expires 1944
Clare E. Parker	Term expires 1943
Henry F. Woodward	Term expires 1943
Sherman H. Perkins	Term expires 1944
James A. Kehoe	Term expires 1945
Roger F. Tracy	Term expires 1945

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles G. Taylor

Office: Howard High School Telephone Brockton 5094

Residence: 135 North Elm Street Telephone Brockton 2221-W

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Adolor O. Belmore, M. D.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lillian M. Hewitt

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Douglas Eaton

### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1943

Winter Term	January 4 to February 19, inclusive
Spring Term	March 1 to April 16, inclusive
Summer Term	April 26 to June 18, inclusive
Fall Term	September 8 to December 23, inclusive

## SCHOOLS CLOSED ON

May 31—for Memorial Day

October 12—for Columbus Day

November 11—for Armistice Day

November 24 (at noon) 25, 26—Thanksgiving Holidays

## SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 1, 1942

School	I	II	III	VI	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Center	10	23	17	30	22	40	42	41	225
Sunset Avenue	14	10	14	22	11	16	16	17	120
Cochesett	10	13	10	14	12				59
Matfield	5	8	5						18
Jerusalem	2	3	3	4					12
Totals	41	57	49	70	45	56	58	58	434
					IX	X	XI	XII	
High School					53	44	55	39	191
Total—High and Elementary									625

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<i>Expenditures</i> 1942	<i>Estimates</i> 1943
1. Administration	\$ 3,634.16	\$ 3,800.00
2. Expense of Instruction		
Salaries	32,183.21	34,500.00
Books & Supplies	2,703.73	2,700.00
Household Arts		300.00
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	\$34,886.94	\$37,500.00
3. Expenses of Operation		
Janitors' Wages	\$ 2,618.52	\$ 2,930.00

Fuel	2,268.82	2,300.00
Supplies	87.23	
Light and Power	364.34	700.00
Gas	120.17	
Water	120.77	
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	\$ 5,579.85	\$ 5,930.00
4. Maintenance	\$ 1,305.82	\$ 1,200.00
5. Auxiliary Agencies		
Library	\$ 20.98	\$ 100.00
Health	1,200.30	1,400.00
Tuition	114.15	300.00
Transportation	3,084.50	3,090.00
Miscellaneous	134.78	150.00
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	\$ 4,554.71	\$ 5,040.00
6. Outlay	\$ 131.75	.....
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Grand Total	\$50,093.23	\$53,470.00
Appropriation	\$50,000.00	
Refund from J. L. Hammett	95.57	
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Total Available	\$50,095.57	
Expenditures	50,093.23	
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Balance	\$ 2.34	
Reimbursement		
On account of Superintendent's		
Salary and Transportation	\$ 1,235.78	
Part I, Chapter 70	5,378.00	

State Ward Tuition	466.27
Adult Education	135.08
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Total	\$ 7,215.13
Net Operation Cost to Town for 1942	\$42,878.10
Household Arts	
Balance from 1942	\$ 130.00
Federal Grant	
(George-Deen Funds)	1,326.00
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Total	\$ 1,456.00
Expended	1,380.73
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Balance	\$ 75.27
Sunset Avenue Heating	
Balance from 1941	\$ 74.00
Expended	27.81
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Balance	
(Revert to General Treasury)	\$ 46.19
Sunset Avenue Sanitation	
Balance from 1940	\$ 24.14
Expended	21.96
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Balance	
(Revert to General Treasury)	\$ 2.18
Summary of Expenditures	
Operating	\$50,093.23
Household Arts	1,380.73
Sunset Avenue Heating	27.81
Sunset Avenue Sanitation	21.96
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	\$51,523.73



### To the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The school system of West Bridgewater is faced with definite war time problems which test the ingenuity and adaptability of committee, superintendent and teachers. The situation is adequately covered by an editorial in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post which says in part "With boys of eighteen in Army service, and college training consequently curtailed, new burdens are thrust upon the elementary and preparatory schools. They must not only 'indoctrinate'—and we hope this word can be liquidated at the end of the war—students with understanding of the issues of the war and of their part in it, but they must introduce into their curriculums some of the subjects which are not ordinarily encountered until later. All this the lower schools must do while their faculties are depleted by the draft and the defense industries;—while their budgets are threatened by enormous war taxation and reduced local revenues. That the problem can be solved without thorough consideration of all its phases, only the most goggle-eyed optimist will believe."

In determining how well your committee and superintendent began this program and are still broadening the scope of this war period educational system, we refer you to the reports of the superintendent of schools, the high school principal, and the heads of the various departments.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES

The question of teachers' salaries has been given a great deal of thought and study. It has long been recognized by the committee that there has been no properly balanced salary scale in West Bridgewater. A thorough study has shown that the salary scale is low when compared with school systems of similar size. This is borne out by the fact that in one year alone we have lost approximately 33% of our teachers, most of whom have accepted positions, with greater remuneration, elsewhere.

It was further felt by the committee that there should be some provision for financial recognition of continued professional preparation and that a set-up was necessary which would require that all teachers attend "refresher courses."

With these facts in mind, a salary schedule was devised and accepted by vote of your school committee, establishing a maximum salary for grammar school principals, high school principal, high school teachers and elementary school teachers with the following general provisions:

1. Each teacher as part of the requirements of tenure shall take and receive credit for at least four semester hours of professional work at a college, teachers' college or university extension (not correspondence) during each consecutive four-year period.

2. Any teacher who acquires at least four semester hours credit in professional work with a B grade or better at a college, teachers' college, or university extension (not correspondence) during the twelve month period beginning on any September 1, shall receive an automatic increase of \$50 per year. The maximum increase that may be obtained shall be \$200.00. Any such \$50.00 increase shall continue throughout the tenure of the teacher unless and until there is a lapse of three consecutive school years, (September 1 to August 31) in the attainment of the minimum four semester hours credit. In such case the \$50.00 increase will cease at the end of the third year after the attainment of the credits.

3. Possession of a master's degree shall entitle holder, (except high school principal) to a \$100.00 increase in maximum salary.

4. This salary schedule shall not apply to part-time teachers.

## HEATING

Your committee has been in constant touch with the acute fuel situation and consider the Town of West Bridgewater fortunate in having no oil burning heating systems to contend with. All coal was contracted for at the earliest possible date and the bins of each school filled to capacity during the summer, with extra bins being built and filled in one school.

While the sub-zero weather forced the closing of all schools for 1½ days prior to the Christmas vacation, the committee believes that the schools can be heated in normal winter weather. Immediately following the war, however, attention must be given to the heating systems in the Center School buildings, where five outmoded hot air furnaces and a gas unit supply heat to 6 school rooms and a large manual training room.

## RATIONING REGISTRATION

Too much cannot be said about the splendid cooperation of the teachers as to the manner in which they have assisted in registering the townspeople for rationing. They have worked faithfully, without complaint, for long hours. No doubt they will be asked to do so again, from time to time. For this service, the committee extends its sincere appreciation.

## SCHOOL NURSE

Ever considering the health needs of our children, the committee, working in conjunction with the Raynham School Board, has engaged the school nurse, Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, on a full time basis, instead of the previous two and one day arrangement. The school nurse will now give three days a week of her time to West Bridgewater and two days to Raynham.

## REPAIRS

Schools repairs the past year have consisted mainly of one large item,—the painting of the outside of both Center School buildings, which consumed almost the entire repair appropriation. Both the outside and inside condition of the Sunset Avenue School is being considered by the committee so the building may be kept in proper repair. School room walls, ceilings and woodwork should be painted and the outside trim of the building repainted. Also, consideration given to the reshingling of the side walls.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Your committee has long appreciated the many advantages of regular classes in physical education and has kept the thoughts of those benefits in the forefront of its long-range planning. In the recent past, excellent volunteer extra-curriculum work along these lines has been done by individual teachers but no regular course was possible. Recently, we were fortunate in acquiring the services of a full time teacher in manual training and physical education. We believe parents will welcome this forward step.

## TRANSPORTATION

The ODT at Washington recently ruled that all school bus mileage must be curtailed prior to February 1 in order to conserve gasoline, rubber, and mechanical equipment. Your committee has made an exhaustive study of the problem and has re-arranged school bus routes and school hours to the end that a mileage saving of 31.4% has been effected without serious inconvenience to any pupil and with transportation provided for all pupils entitled to it under State Law.

## CONCLUSION

May we take this opportunity to express our thanks to the parents of pupils for their earnest cooperation with the school system in all matters pertaining to the educational welfare of their children: and our sincere appreciation to our School Superintendent and teaching staff for their untiring efforts to make West Bridgewater schools modern, progressive, and efficient.

Signed Lloyd P. Tyrer, *Chairman*  
Clare E. Parker  
Henry F. Woodward  
Sherman H. Perkins  
James A. Kehoe  
Roger F. Tracy

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the School Committee:

I take pleasure in submitting my second annual report as Superintendent of the West Bridgewater Schools.

### WAR TIME SCHOOLS

The impact of the war on the schools has made itself felt in many and varied ways. In attempting to analyze what effect the war and the peace after the war will have upon the schools it is well, perhaps, to consider the two major divisions of the system, elementary and secondary, from somewhat different points of view.

In the elementary school, which is primarily a place where basic skills are learned, it seems rather certain that the foundation curriculum should continue much as it formerly has. Any change will be a change of emphasis within the subject matter itself. Two very obvious examples of this are both in the social studies field, particularly geography. The rapid development of aviation as an important means of world transportation makes necessary the use of global maps and a new understanding of routes between any two points on the globe. Study of South America, its history and geography, has come into a position of prominence not formerly held. For years there has been a growing recognition of the need for what is called "hemispheric solidarity". The war has emphasized this need.

The fields of health and science are receiving more attention than formerly. While the war has focused attention here it does not mean that they were not important before.



Pupil activity in salvage, Red Cross work, and War Savings Stamps are all vital in importance. They are activities of the war effort and may become part of the regular curriculum as the teacher uses them to make problems in arithmetic or to illustrate science, geography or English.

The picture is somewhat different on the secondary level. Mr. Lindell has discussed conditions in the high school in his report. It is only necessary to note here, that at this level, in contrast to the elementary, the basic program is effected. Each school must find its own solution, depending upon its own circumstances. In general, new courses in science, greater emphasis on mathematics, new or renewed attention to physical education, vocational courses, and guidance form the basis of the impact upon the high school.

Continued and even greater emphasis on the social studies is in order too. We cannot lose sight of the fact that while our immediate job is to get boys and girls ready for their parts in the war effort, we are still educating for citizenship. And citizenship, in its broadest sense, means an understanding of political and economic history and its significance in the world events of today and tomorrow. It means, too, understanding and practicing the civic responsibilities and duties of the individual as an active, cooperating member of his community.

The war, without question, has focused attention, as never before, on Education. It has shown the need for more education. It has shown ways in which education may be redirected and expanded. It has shown that the old concept of the three "Rs" and the narrow college preparatory high school is not sufficient. It has shown that all the children of all people must have available an educational program to care for all types of abilities.

The war has shown, also, the need for guidance; occupational guidance for youth just out of school and also for youth

in school who are endeavoring to discover their interests and abilities. Our own state has recognized this need and by legislative action has provided for a Supervisor of Guidance in the Department of Education. Nothing, it would seem, can be more important than that a youth have every help possible in planning his educational and vocational program. This is just as important in war as in peace. Even though a large proportion of our boys appear to be headed for armed service, if they know what their abilities are they are going to be of more value to their country. In peace time the difficulties of adjustment in the occupational world are too well known to need further comment.

### TEACHER CHANGES

This town, in common with all others, has had numerous changes in its staff during the past year.

Robert Morton, manual training teacher, resigned to go into defense work.

J. Roy Newton, teacher of English in the high school, resigned to accept a position in Winchester.

Ruth E. Ernst, Household Arts teacher, resigned in December because of transportation difficulties and the need for maintaining a home in Newton.

Elinore Spencer, teacher at the Center School for fifteen years, resigned to go into other work.

Alice M. Guinea, teacher at the Center School for five years, resigned to accept a position in Darien, Connecticut.

Richard J. Farrell, teacher for one year at Sunset Avenue School, was given military leave of absence because of his induction into the Army.

Miss Myrtle Davison, teacher at Sunset Avenue School, resigned to be married. As Mrs. Myrtle Ryan she has continued as substitute teacher this year.

Benjamin Thomas, principal at the Center School, resigned in January 1943, to accept a similar position in Middleboro.

Marian Cushman, teacher at Sunset Avenue School, was given military leave of absence in January because of her induction into the W. A. A. C.

Miss Wilmar Harlow, principal at the Cochesett School was married in December. She is continuing in her position for the duration of the war.

New teachers are as follows:

Roger M. Jones, a graduate of Bates College, with three years' teaching experience at Old Orchard, Maine, was appointed English teacher in the High School.

Henry Pease, a graduate of Fitchburg State Teachers College, with teaching experience in Dighton and Shelburne Falls, was appointed manual training and physical education teacher and coach of boys' athletics.

Miss Penelope DeCoulos, a graduate of Salem State Teachers College, with two years' teaching experience in Stow, in March was appointed commercial teacher in the high school.

Miss Mary E. Seitz, a graduate of Framingham State Teachers College, with teaching experience in Orleans and Duxbury, was appointed Household Arts teacher in January.

Miss Naomi White returned to her duties as commercial teacher after a year's leave of absence.

George C. Roy, a graduate of Providence College and Boston University, with six years' experience as an elementary school principal, was appointed principal of the Center School.

Miss Helen Paul, a graduate of Fitchburg State Teachers College, with four years' experience in Belchertown, was appointed English teacher in grades six, seven, and eight at the Center School.

Miss Marjorie I. Davis, a graduate of Plymouth (N. H.) Teachers College, with one year's experience in Grafton, N. H., is now teaching grade five at the Center School.

Miss Liette Morin, a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College, with one year's experience in Rochester, Vt., was appointed to teach grades five and six at Sunset Avenue School.

Miss Katherine Rogers, a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College, with several years' experience in Mashpee, was appointed military substitute at Sunset Avenue School to teach grades three and four.

### DEPARTMENTALIZATION

In September grades six, seven, and eight at the Center School were organized on a departmental basis. Grade six of Cochesett School was transferred to the Center to be included in this arrangement. The advantages of departmental teaching in the upper grades are many. Foremost, perhaps it makes it possible for teachers to concentrate in subject matter. For instance, one teacher teaches all of the arithmetic, one the English, and one the social studies. Other subjects are assigned according to teacher time available and to the teachers' interests. This results in a better type of teaching and benefits the pupils accordingly. The pupils, by this plan, become used to going to various classrooms and meeting different teachers so that when they reach high school the adjustment problems are reduced to a minimum.

It is unfortunate that the Sunset Avenue pupils do not have the advantage of such organization. However, the enrollment

there is so small, and with but two teachers in the upper grades, the disadvantages would seem to outweigh the advantages. Many towns are solving this problem by providing a centralized school so that the advantages of departmentalized teaching and single grade rooms may be enjoyed by all pupils.

### TEXT BOOKS

The two major changes in text books this year have been in primary reading and arithmetic. The introduction of a new reading system, discussed in last year's report, has been completed. This basic system, together with a number of supplementary readers, has added strength to the reading program in the primary grades.

There are two main advantages to the arithmetics introduced in grades three through six. The grade placement of the material follows the recommendations of the National Council of Mathematics Teachers. The report of this commission has had a great influence in improving the teaching of arithmetic. The other advantage has to do with problem solving. There is much emphasis on problems in this series, as well as on basic number facts. The problems are so worded that all require reasoning to solve, and the reasoning difficulty increases through any groups of problems. In this connection, too, the attention to reading difficulty is important. Formerly pupils were unable to do problems, not because of a lack of arithmetic ability, but because of reading difficulties. This has now been corrected so that the reading of problems does not hinder the solution.

In grades seven and eight the new junior high texts introduce the pupils to general mathematics and stress everyday use and practical applications. Pupils become familiar with geometric forms and terms; formulas and graphs are stressed also. These texts tend to sum up in a practical way the basic learning of the earlier grades. At the same time they prepare a firm foundation for the mathematics of the high school.

## HIGH SCHOOL

The problems of the high school are discussed thoroughly in Mr. Lindell's report. The substitution of general mathematics for all freshmen not taking algebra is really a broadening of the program. Heretofore, a year of junior business training was offered. Now this is reduced to one-half year and the other half year is devoted to introductory algebra and demonstrative geometry. The introduction of a limited physical education program for boys and girls does, to some degree, what should have been done long before. The importance of physical fitness has been emphasized and re-emphasized by the demands of the Army and Navy.

## OTHER REPORTS

The reports of the manual training and household arts teachers are omitted this year because of the recent change in the teachers of both subjects. The vocational household arts program is proving a real value to those girls enrolled in it. During the year the girls have helped prepare refreshments for Teachers' Club meetings and other gatherings, thereby gaining much practical experience.

Manual training did not start until November this year because of the lack of a teacher. We were fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Pease who combines the teaching of manual training and physical education.

## CONCLUSION

There have been distractions this year due to the emotional stress of the war itself; there have been interruptions due to rationing programs. There will be more of both. Through it



all, however, our teachers are maintaining a balanced outlook and are remembering that their major responsibility is to those who are coming on.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. TAYLOR,

*Superintendent.*

## Report of the High School Principal

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Mr. Charles G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to present my annual report as Principal of the Howard High School.

Today, our nation is just beginning to be fully involved in a war, the savagery, brutality, and destructive power of which is unparalleled in the annals of history. No American individual or American institution can or should in any way remain aloof from full participation in the gigantic effort which our nation is now making to insure a complete and final military victory for the United Nations. Much for which democracy stands is at stake. Nothing short of complete victory for the United Nations can save mankind in its slow hard struggle for truth, enlightenment, and freedom.

The schools of the country are necessarily sensitive to changes in our national life. They are essentially a part of it. Naturally, therefore, Howard High School, like other secondary schools in the country, must in this year of our nation's desperate need, dedicate itself whole-heartedly to one aim and one aim alone, that of aiding the total war effort of our nation as effectively as possible.

Howard High School's present goal should be to utilize all of any resources of the school for the good of our country. Although easily pronounced, the task is not an easy one. It is not

always clear how our activities and decisions may contribute definitely to this end. There are, however, apparent ways in which the school can and is functioning in making a positive contribution to the war effort and to the peace which will follow.

Much reorganization of subject matter is now in progress. New materials are being introduced and greater emphasis is being placed upon problems of war and peace.

In all English classes our democratic heritage and tradition is revealed and emphasized. Literature, through its perspective into the long slow process of mankind's task in winning and protecting his freedom, makes clear the necessity for sharing our heritage with all men. One English class, through current readings and American literature, becomes familiar with the circumstances of the present struggle between the forces of freedom and self-government, and those of enslavement under autocratic domination, as well as discusses such issues as "What are we fighting for", and "What are we fighting against". Another group, with newspaper and magazine assignments as a basis, discusses the American occupation of North Africa, the rubber situation, the progress of aviation, new medical techniques, new production methods and their significance, rationing, and air-mindedness.

Adaptations of social studies courses to problems of war are both numerous and vital. Current events is an integral part of each class. The magazines used not only follow the course of the war but carry many background articles on the causes of the war, geographical aspects, and post war problems. Topics being incorporated include proposed peace plans, a survey of Latin-American history and U. S. relations with Latin America, history of U. S. relations with the Far East and the problems of the Pacific, post-war planning, labor problems in war time, plans for post-war social security, and current proposals for peace and world organization.

Re-emphasis of subject matter with regard to the war effort in French and Latin is significant. When peace comes, France will have innumerable intricate problems to solve. If we are to exercise an intelligent and helpful influence we will need to know much about France and its people. Weekly discussions of the developments in the world situation with reference to France, map study for familiarity with the geographical relationship of France to Europe and Africa, and a study of the history of France, the character and living habits of its people all appear to contribute something toward this end. Latin, through derivations, stresses the meaning of many modern terms: rationing, reconnaissance, maneuver, etc. It contrasts the techniques of ancient and modern warfare, and studies Rome and Gaul in terms of their significance in the subsequent development of European history, with emphasis upon the present.

Outstanding in the field of science is the installation of a new course in aeronautics. The amazing growth and development of the air plane, with its far reaching implications involving world distances and transportation, necessitates the development of an air-minded people. The titanic aviation needs of our armed forces demand at least preliminary ground instruction in aeronautics. The new course adequately meets both of these needs. In agriculture, special emphasis is being placed on the need for home projects, and the operation of the Babcock milk test is stressed so that both may prepare for such work in replacement capacities. In order that boys and girls may better survive the present times, consideration is being given in biology and general science to understanding the importance of the relationships among body, mind, and spirit.

Mathematics, like science, is of vital importance in our nation's war effort. Arithmetical processes, the graph, the formula, the simple equation, ratio and proportion, logarithms, and solution of triangles are being duly stressed, all directed toward possible use in war activities. For the first time in many years

trigonometry is being taught to qualified seniors. A sound working knowledge of this subject is indispensable in many forms of engineering, and problems in aviation, navigation, and gun fire. Units covering actual war problems are being incorporated in all courses.

In the commercial department the problem of sugar and coffee rationing is studied from the raw material to the consumer, and greater attention is directed toward the natural, economic, and racial changes in parts of the world where boundaries are likely to shift. The effects of war upon telephone and telegraph communications, preparation for civil service, and familiarity with war terms are receiving attention.

Physical fitness of our armed forces is of number one importance. It has focused attention upon a generally neglected peacetime program of the secondary school, a program about which much has been said and written but concerning which little was done. The beginnings of a program of physical education in our school are now in operation. Directed largely toward general health and physical fitness for active participation in the nation's armed forces and in war production work, every boy in the school is scheduled for two full periods a week and every girl one full period a week. This is in addition to a more active program of intermural and interschool athletics.

Shop in its modest way is making its contribution to the war effort. With an enlarged working area and an increased number of boys electing manual training, good work is being accomplished. In working with wood the boys effectively cover ground recommended by the War Department in its basic fundamentals of shopwork; namely, lay-out and testing, shaping, jointing, assembling, finishing, and wood preserving.

Rationing and the scarcity of certain foods and clothing necessitates teaching the use of appropriate substitutes for sugar and butter in preparing nutritious foods, and making over old

clothes into useful garments. This work is adequately handled in our household arts department. Although fewer girls elected this course last year the cooperative spirit of interest and enthusiasm fully compensates for the smaller number of girls enrolled.

A volunteer organization resigned to enlist the whole secondary school population in the war effort is the High School Victory Corps. Its purpose is two-fold: to prepare now for future service with our armed forces or a place in the production of war materials, and to participate now in some form of school or community war service. There is an opportunity of enrolling in a general membership or one of six special forms. By reason of war courses in physical fitness, mathematics, science, and activity as a messenger for civilian defense, or a salvage collector, or a Red Cross worker, or a war stamp salesman, many of Howard High School's students are qualifying for general membership. A significant achievement of the school as a whole was the collection of an estimated twenty tons of metal and rubber salvage.

In my opinion the contributions to the war effort recounted in the foregoing paragraphs do not go far enough. In the first place we can do better some of the things we are already doing. And in the second place, if we are to do our part in meeting the critical manpower shortages in our armed forces we must carry into effect some of the Army's suggestions for training at one or more levels. On the foundation level, courses in fundamentals of electricity, machines or shopwork are possible. On the level of beginning specialization, courses in fundamentals of radio and automotive mechanics are recommended. And on the level of specialization with considerable operational skill, courses in radio code, practice in touch typing, radio repair and maintenance, and automobile mechanics are urged where facilities are available.

In view of the urgent needs of war, and the limitations im-



posed by an already overloaded teaching staff, the school cannot go on doing business as usual. A re-evaluation of all courses should reveal those subjects not contributing toward the winning of the war. These courses could be curtailed or eliminated for the duration to make way for training for critical shortages. General Somervell has this to say about the problem: "This is your job in this total war. It is the job of the schools and colleges of America to provide the opportunity for every youth to equip himself for a place in winning the war. You must do this, regardless of cost, time, inconvenience, the temporary sidetracking of nonwar objectives, or even the temporary scrapping of peacetime courses."

Aside from the grim business of war, Howard High School steadily advances along the road coming from a purely college preparatory institution leading to one administering to the needs of all its pupils. In this connection courses in general office practice, business arithmetic, general mathematics, and freshman orientation were added to the program of studies. These changes were made available by shortening the time allotments in typewriting, shorthand, and civics and the elimination of junior business training as a separate course. The use of the combination ediphone acquired during the year should prove invaluable to students in meeting requirements for office employment.

The school's extra-curricula activities are carrying on as usual except for adaptations here and there to the war effort. For discussions of these activities I refer you to my previous reports.

In conclusion I wish to thank you, the teachers, the School Committee, the Howard Trustees, and the friends of the School for your guidance and help in these crucial times.

Respectfully submitted,

NILS G. LINDELL,

*Principal.*

## Report of Music Supervisor

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Mr. Charles G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in submitting my annual report as Music Supervisor in the schools of West Bridgewater.

An informal test of the children's voices is given each year throughout all the grades and those pupils who have difficulty in imitating a tone or in carrying a tune are seated where they will receive the greatest help. From time to time a checkup is made and in many cases a decided improvement is noticed in a very few weeks.

In grades one and two the rhythm band is used to accompany some of the note songs or played to recorded music. The Jerusalem School was fortunate in having a pupil who could play the piano and who also directed the little orchestra.

Phonograph selections have been played in all the grades and in some classes there were records of the songs already learned by the children. These the class sang with the recorded voice and it made a very pleasant change from routine work.

In the spring the high school chorus together with the orchestra gave a concert assisted by Mr. William Mahoney, guest soloist and a graduate of the school. Later, in observance of Music Week, the Center School presented a Mother Goose Fan-

rasia. This entertainment was a great success and much credit is due the teachers and pupils for their fine spirit of cooperating and untiring effort in drills and rehearsals. I should like to express my thanks to those parents who spent many hours in making costumes.

Some of the money realized from the entertainment was used to purchase an electric phonograph, additional records, and a set of community song books.

In the fall, on Parents' Night, a selected group from the high school chorus sang a group of southern songs accompanied by Muriel Thomas.

When schools opened in September a new schedule was effected, with departmental work for the three upper grades. Less time is given to music in this new program. This, of course, will mean a lower standard of attainment. With the two upper grades united in one choral unit there is little opportunity to check up on individual needs, or to do any advanced written work. The sixth grade with half as much time as formerly will lose much of the required work outlined for this grade.

It is gratifying to see how happily the boys and girls in all the schools respond to the music lesson, and how hard they will try to master a particularly catchy phrase.

Pupils from grades three to six inclusive are required to keep their own time. This has been done in the past by tapping on the edge of the book or on the desk. After careful observation it was found that this method was not accomplishing the very best results so a variation of time tapping was presented. The children were asked to tap the number of beats directly under the notes and rests as they proceeded in their syllable reading or singing. This brings a closer connection between the music symbol and its value and a better concentration and understanding on the part of the child.

Beauty of tone is stressed at all times, speaking or singing, and it is the one thing so often abused. Young people and untrained people lose the value of tonal coloring because of their unintelligent and frequent use of tone volume. No one, who gave any thought to the matter, would sing SILENT NIGHT with the same quantity of tone as in the singing of THE MARSEILLAISE.

In closing, I think of those peoples who have given us such a glorious heritage of music, yet, whose songs of joy and happiness are buried in their hearts and memories today. Lips that once moved to merry music now tremble with grief and fear. Let us keep Young America singing.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS J. SNOW

## Report of the School Physician

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To the Superintendent of Schools  
and School Committee

Gentlemen:

In October the annual physical examination of pupils was made, and I examined 623 children. The various abnormalities were: infected tonsils, caries teeth, heart murmurs, spinal defects and asthma; it is gratifying to note that there were fewer defects this year, no doubt due to the splendid cooperation of the parents in having these defects attended to after being notified.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held at the Town Hall in May of this year, under the direction and cooperation of the Board of Health, and assisted by Mrs. Lillian Hewitt. I gave three inoculations, two weeks apart, of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin, to seventy-two children; there were no reactions—results obtained satisfactory.

I have made frequent inspections of the sanitary condition of all school buildings, and found them to be in accord with the requirements of the Board of Health.

There were one hundred and twenty-one cases of contagious diseases in the community, the majority were school children, these cases were followed up by Mrs. Lillian Hewitt and myself, and with the assistance of the Board of Health we were able to check the spread of these diseases to a considerable degree.

In concluding my annual report I assure you it is with gratification, to find the health of the pupils in such good condition, both mentally and physically, and I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Charles G. Taylor and to the School Committee, for their willing assistance, and to Mrs. Lillian Hewitt who has faithfully assisted me.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BELMORE, M. D.

*School Physician.*



## Report of the School Nurse

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Mr. Charles G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my Annual Report.

At the beginning of this term physical examinations were made on 623 pupils by Dr. A. O. Belmore. Abnormalities noted were: infected tonsils, carious teeth, heart murmurs, malnutrition, eyes, ears, cervical glands, asthma, pediculosis and skin infections.

The school physician examined all pupils entering school after contagious illness. There was a large number following an epidemic of arathema last winter. Fortunately there were no complications. Many cases were not reported.

A total of 193 were examined at the high school, 10 being absent. 18 notices were sent for defective teeth, 8 for defective tonsils, 8 had heart defects, 1 asthma, 3 malnutrition, 8 for a hearing loss (2 were new cases). A number of home visits were made to secure remedial care.

The audiometer tests were given in grades 5 and 10, also to pupils reported by teachers. Eight new pupils were found to have some hearing loss. Nine old cases were discharged, leaving a total of 15 with some hearing loss.

A total of 72 were immunized against diphtheria. A large percentage of pre-school children have not been immunized or vaccinated. The State Department of Health urges every one to be re-vaccinated and all children to be immunized for diphtheria, as a precaution against epidemics.

The shortage of doctors and hospital space will make it increasingly difficult to have defects corrected. Since May, only emergency tonsil operations have been accepted.

A total of 70 notices were sent to parents of children for removal of tonsils and adenoids.

- 15 had tonsils removed
- 140 were treated at the dental clinic
- 21 were examined by the Traveling Clinic
- 5 were accompanied by nurse to other clinics
- 65 received Junior Red Cross Certificates
- 12 received Standard Red Cross Certificates
- 15 have hearing loss
- 5 had chest X-rays
- Weighed and measured all children
- 75 cases of measles and german measles were reported
- 64 were immunized against diphtheria

A Well Child Conference was held July 21 to 24, sponsored jointly by Health and Social Service Committee of your local Defense Committee and the Tubercular Seal Sale Committee, assisted by Lillian M. Hewitt, R. N.

The Department of Public Health furnished the Examining Unit consisting of a Pediatrics, Public Health Nurse, Dietitian, and Dental Hygienist, with local assistance.

- 65 children were examined. Findings as follows:
- 39 had toxoid
- 5 were vaccinated

- 6 repeaters (examined in 1937)
- 27 poor eating habits
- 15 poor nutrition
- 26 needed Dental care
- 3 with heart defects
- 7 with throat defects
- 4 with no defects

Since then 85 follow-up calls have been made. As a result of this clinic and the follow-up visits

- 13 entered school in September with defects corrected
- 26 consulted their own family physician
- 19 received dental care
- 4 had tonsils removed
- 2 examined at Children's Hospital
- 15 were vaccinated
- 1 had psychometric examination
- 6 had toxoid, 1 tetanus, 6 whooping cough serum

Eating habits corrected, most common of which were lack of dark bread, cooked cereal, leafy vegetables and Cod Liver Oil. Many mothers expressed a wish that this clinic might be permanent.

In the High, Center and Sunset Avenue schools I conducted three First Aid Classes.

It has been a pleasure to teach these First Aid Classes, if students have learned only what *not* to do in case of accidents.

I have attended nurses' conferences and completed a brush-up course in nursing.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. HEWITT, R. N.

*School Nurse.*

## Commencement Exercises

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HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1942

Howard Hall, June seventeen  
at eight o'clock

### CLASS OFFICERS

President	Julian Lucini
Vice President	Frances Morse
Secretary	Shirley Snell
Treasurer	Catherine Woodward

Motto—"Launched but not Anchored"

Class Colors—Maroon and White

Class Flower—Carnation

### PROGRAM

1. Processional—Pomp and Chivalry  
Howard High School Orchestra  
Roberts
2. Invocation  
Rev. John Hershey
3. The Star Spangled Banner  
Audience
4. Music—Ode to the Homeland  
Howard High School Chorus  
Noble Cain
5. Address—Binoculars of Education  
Professor S. Ralph Harlow  
Smith College

6. Presentation of Class Gift  
Julian Lucini  
President of Class of 1942
7. Acceptance for School  
Franklin Davio  
President of Class of 1943
8. Presentation of Awards  
Washington and Franklin Certificate  
Class of 1941 Scholarship  
Principal Nils G. Lindell
9. Music—Consecration Overture  
Howard High School Orchestra  
Keler Bela
10. Presentation of Diplomas  
Mr. Henry F. Woodward  
Member of School Committee
11. Class Ode  
Class of 1942  
Marilyn Thayer
12. Benediction  
Reverend John Hershey
13. Recessional—Festival March  
Howard High School Orchestra  
Mendelssohn

### CLASS ODE

*To the tune of "Oh Genevieve"*

Marilyn Thayer

Oh, spire-crested Howard High,  
The time has come to say good-bye.  
The days have fled, the hours too,  
Which we have spent, dear school, with you.

We are but banners yet unfurled,  
 As we step out to meet the world,  
 And may you always be the light  
 That brightens up the darkest night!

We say to you again, "Good-bye".  
 Oh, spire-crested Howard High  
 And to our teachers, staunch and true,  
 We bid them all a fond adieu!

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## GRADUATES

Eleanor F. Allard	Howard Gilbert Miles
Eleanor Marie Ames	Louise Helen Moore
Ruth Anna Anderson	Frances Morse
Ruth Isabel Bemis	Anne Lucille Noonan
Priscilla Burgess	Thomas Francis O'Shaughnessy
Julius M. Chambers	Jennie Stuart Payne
Lloyd Drinkwater Copeland	Mary A. Pocius
Florence Heath Davis	Thomas L. Reynolds
Ruth Corinne DeCoteau	Evangeline Dorothy Salvador
Veronica Mary G. Dillenschneider	Helen Louise Sanborn
Dorothy Agnes Finch	Shirley Marie Snell
Charles Andrew Freeman, Jr.	Lloyd Everett Staples, Jr.
George Wilfred Goldie, Jr.	June Marie Teixeira
Henry Hanson	Marilyn Arlene Thayer
Elsa Caroline Hollertz	Dorothy Parker Verity
Pauline Frances Howe	John Arthur Verity
Mildred Ruth Kugis	Audrey Louise Wilbur
Julian Ernest Lucini	Dorothy Louise Willis
Elizabeth Anne MacHardy	Catherine A. Woodward
Edmond Joseph Michalowski	



# DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	
Nils G. Lindell, B.S., Ed.M.	High	Principal and Mathematics	Tufts, Harvard
Penelope DeCoullos, B.S.	High	Commercial	Salem Teachers
Arthur L. Frellick, B.Sc., M.S.	High	Science	Mass. Agr. College
Roger M. Jones, A.B.	High	English	Bates College
Henry Pease, B.S.	High	Manual Arts and Phys. Ed.	Fitchburg Teachers
Janice M. Rylander, A.B.	High	Languages	Boston University
Mary E. Seitz, B.S.	High	Household Arts	Framingham Teachers
Clarice J. Weeden, A.B., A.M., Ed.M.	High	Social Studies	Wellesley, Clark, B. U.
Naomi E. White, B.S.	High	Commercial	Boston University
Mrs. Marjorie Hayward, B.S.	High	Orchestra	Mass. Conservatory
George C. Roy, A.B., Ed.M.	Center	Principal and Social Studies	Prov. College, B. U.
Ellen F. Kett	Center	Arithmetic	Hyannis Teachers
Helen Paul, B.S.	Center	English	Fitchburg Teachers
Marjorie Davis, B.S.	Center	Grade 4-5	Plymouth, N. H. Teachers
Miniam T. Hall	Center	Grade 3-4	Fitchburg Teachers
Mrs. Gertrude A. Pillsbury	Center	Grade 1-2	Hyannis Summer Sch.
Mrs. Theresa M. Miller	Sunset Ave.	Principal and Grades 7, 8	Brockton Bus. U.
Liette Morin, B.S.	Sunset Ave.	Grade 5-6	Bridgewater
Katherine Rogers, B.S.	Sunset Ave.	Grade 3-4	Bridgewater
Myrtle Ryan	Sunset Ave.	Grade 1-2	Castine Normal
Wilmar C. Armer, B.S.	Cochesett	Principal and Grades 4, 5	Bridgewater
Marian B. Turski	Cochesett	Grades 1, 2, 3	Castine Normal
Gertrude J. Ward	Matfield	Grades 1, 2, 3	Perry Kindergarten
Mary Nelson, B.S.	Jerusalem	Grades 1-5	Bridgewater
Mrs. Lois J. Snow	All	Supervisor of Music	Hyannis Teachers
Charles G. Taylor, A.B., Ed.M.	All	Superintendent	U. of Me., Harvard

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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The financial condition of the Town at the close of the year 1942 should be gratifying to the citizens. This situation together with the low tax rate which we have enjoyed, reflects the conservatism of the voters in their approval of the appropriations at the town meetings and the good management of the officials and Department heads in the conduct of town affairs.

The committee recommends the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of United States Government Bonds. This action will aid our government in the war effort and provide the town with a fund for post war use.

We also recommend the appropriation of not over \$15,000.00 from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate. With this help we believe that it will be possible to expect a tax rate comparable with last year.

In accordance with provisions of the State Laws the budgets covering the salaries of the elective town officers are setup separately from the expenses of their departments. The sums recommended for Moderator, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk are yearly salaries. Tree Warden and Water Commissioners are paid on an hourly basis, and the total compensation cannot exceed the amount appropriated for salaries. The Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare and Board of Assessors are paid on the basis of \$5.00 for a full day or \$3.00 for one half day and the total compensation cannot exceed the amount appropriated for salaries.

The Board of Selectmen feel that under the stress of War conditions the Chief of Police should be on call and in town at all times. The budget of the Police Department provides for this, the Chief to be paid on an hourly basis for the time actually worked. This committee has recommended this action and appropriation.

A table of Estimates by Departments, amounts recommended by this Committee, and report of recommendations on articles in the Town Warrant appear on the following pages.

ARTHUR E. RYDER, Chairman  
ALFRED T. WELLS, Secretary  
WALTER D. CROWLEY  
JOHN C. ELDRIDGE  
JOHN E. HOWARD  
WILLIAM W. NOYES  
JOHN M. RICHARDS

*Finance Committee*

## **REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT**

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Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers by Official Ballot: One Town Clerk for one year, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one for two years to fill vacancy, one Tree Warden for one year, two Constables for one year.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of March 1, 1942, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Article 2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

Article 3. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

**The Finance Committee recommends such authorization.**

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for the same.

**The recommendations of the Finance Committee for each Department appear in the Tables included in their report.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to be used with any sum allotted thereto by State and County.**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a post-war rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Acts of 1943.

**The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000.00 from available funds in the treasury, to be used in the purchase of United States Government Bonds.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$75.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for a "Well Child Conference".

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Section 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,092.32 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the written approval



of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

**The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint two citizens to fill vacancies on original By-Law Committee.

**Refer to the voters.**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be used for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

**The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Federal Project 1942 Balance the sum of \$600.00 to a Commissary Account.

**The Finance Committee recommends this transfer.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1942 into Surplus Revenue Account: Sunset Avenue Heating \$46.19; Sunset Avenue Sanitation \$2.18. Total \$48.37.

**The Finance Committee recommends these transfers.**

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

# TABLE OF COMPARISON

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1941 AND 1942, TOGETHER WITH AMOUNTS  
ESTIMATED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE FOR 1943

	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Estimated 1943	Recom- mended 1943
Moderator—Salary .....	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Selectmen's Department .....	800.00	774.59	700.00	642.50		
Salary .....					430.00	430.00
Expense .....					270.00	270.00
Accountant's Department .....	675.00	665.62	675.00	786.34	800.00	800.00
Treasurer's Department .....	1,300.00	1,183.19	1,300.00	1,287.84		
Salary .....					800.00	800.00
Expense .....					700.00	550.00
Collector's Department .....	2,015.00	1,976.63	1,895.00	1,949.35	1,500.00	1,400.00
Salary .....					604.00	579.00
Expense .....						
Assessors' Department .....	1,800.00	1,556.06	1,700.00	1,415.59	1,350.00	1,350.00
Salary .....					430.00	430.00
Expense .....					25.00	25.00
Other Finance Offices .....	25.00		25.00			
Town Clerk's Department .....	620.00	605.47	807.50	801.33	720.00	720.00
Salary .....					100.00	100.00
Expense .....					420.00	420.00
Election and Registration .....	408.00	397.94	837.50	821.79		
Law .....	25.00	25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00

	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Estimated 1943	Recom- mended 1943
Town Hall and Offices .....	3,250.00	2,497.11	3,274.00	2,866.95	2,725.00	2,725.00
Police Department .....	2,265.00	2,961.72	2,300.00	2,248.96	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dog Officer .....	35.00	34.00	35.00	54.00	60.00	60.00
Fire Department .....	2,450.00	3,108.81	2,845.00	2,727.71	2,330.00	2,330.00
Hydrants .....	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	100.00	83.64	100.00	71.18	100.00	100.00
Moth Suppression .....	2,500.00	2,471.97	2,500.00	1,871.85	2,280.00	2,280.00
Tree Warden's Department .....	700.00	680.15	700.00	522.15		
Salary .....					300.00	300.00
Expense .....					400.00	400.00
Health and Sanitation .....						
Salary .....	1,275.00	919.86	1,175.00	1,137.43		
Expense .....					100.00	100.00
Inspection of Animals .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	22.50	125.00	125.00
Inspection of Slaughtering .....	100.00	7.35	100.00		100.00	100.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance .....	1,949.33	1,949.33	1,904.01	1,904.01	2,092.32	2,092.32
Highway Department .....	10,000.00	10,043.97	10,000.00	9,047.30	10,000.00	10,000.00
Road Machinery Account .....	1,200.00	1,158.69	1,300.00	734.57	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snow Removal .....	1,000.00	605.00	1,000.00	681.88	1,500.00	1,500.00
Street Lights .....	3,765.72	3,726.16	3,794.64	3,787.37	3,793.68	3,793.68
Public Welfare Administration .....	525.00	344.64	830.00	769.30		
Salary .....					200.00	200.00
Expense .....					480.00	480.00
Public Welfare .....	12,000.00	10,206.28	11,000.00	7,068.97	8,000.00	8,000.00

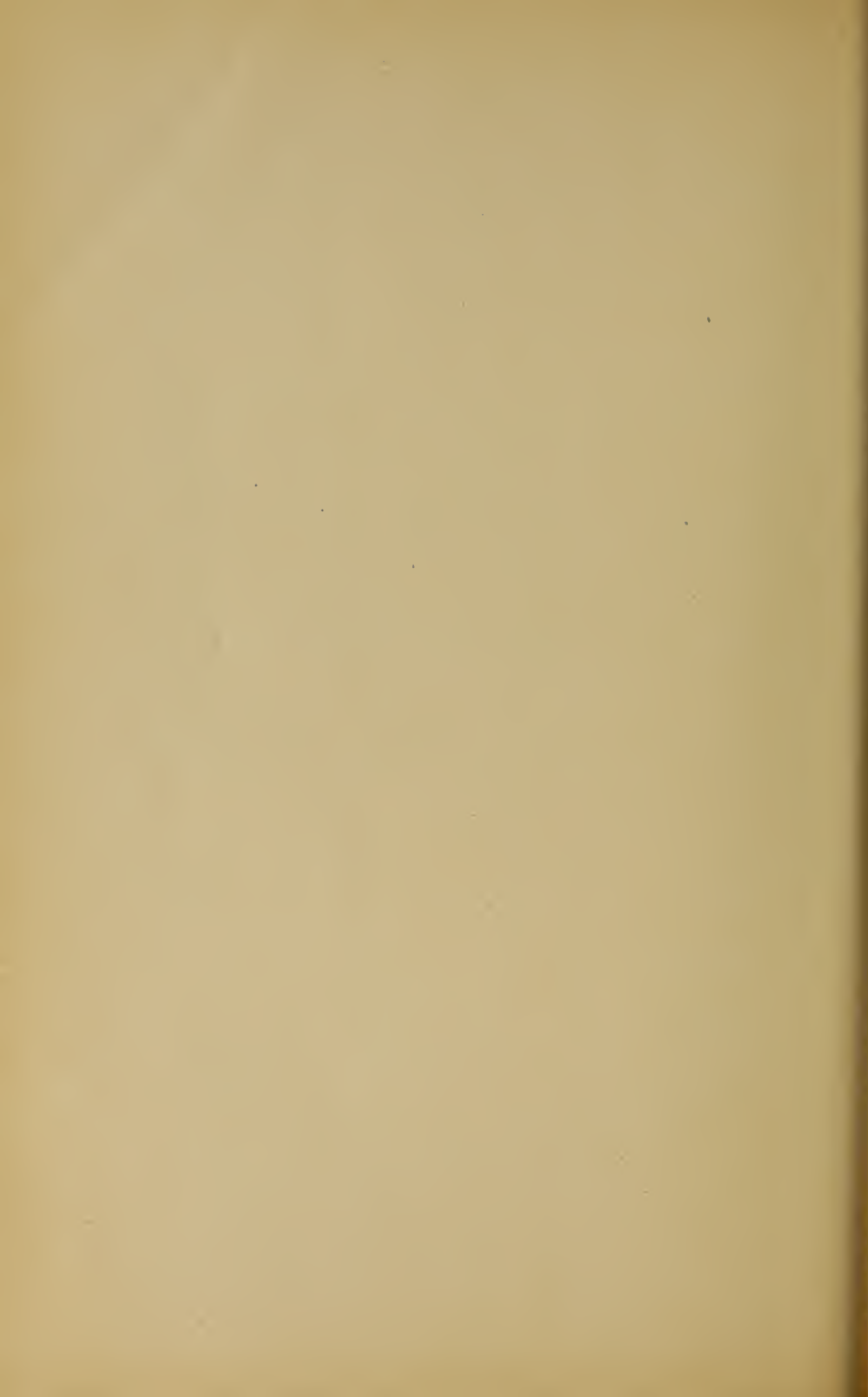
	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Estimated 1943	Recom- mended 1943
Dependent Children Administration .....	32.00	6.75	25.00	11.66	25.00	25.00
Dependent Children .....	1,500.00	1,860.45*	1,800.00	1,480.10	2,538.00	2,538.00
Old Age Assistance Administration .....	345.00	231.34	520.00	404.56	500.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance .....	15,220.00	15,481.77	20,000.00	16,119.64	18,500.00	18,500.00
State Aid .....	100.00	120.00	300.00	130.00	240.00	240.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	1,150.00	502.12	1,000.00	315.68		
Salary .....					50.00	50.00
Expense .....					950.00	950.00
Military Aid .....	700.00	390.00	500.00	90.00	250.00	250.00
Soldiers' Burial .....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00
Library .....	1,240.00	1,231.30	1,300.00	1,238.15	1,300.00	1,300.00
Schools and Vocational Education .....	49,975.00	48,456.00	50,000.00	50,093.23	53,470.00	53,470.00
Care of Monument Grounds & Flags & Parks .....	550.00	542.57	750.00	628.14	770.00	770.00
Memorial & Armistice Days Observance .....	200.00	197.70	200.00	158.69	200.00	200.00
Printing & Distributing Town Reports .....	480.35	480.35	477.24	477.24		
Fire Insurance .....	519.92	536.68	463.76	463.76	502.48	502.48
Liability Insurance .....	945.22	945.22	1,236.97	1,236.97	1,053.81	1,053.81
War Damage Insurance .....				87.68	87.68	87.68
Interest .....	100.00	7.48	100.00	3.77	100.00	100.00
Care of Cemeteries .....	130.00	121.08	130.00	72.00	130.00	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service .....	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	325.00	325.00
Finance Committee .....	15.00	2.50	15.00	4.00	15.00	15.00
Preserving Records .....	50.00	2.09	50.00	.....	.....	.....

	Appropriated 1941	Expended 1941	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Estimated 1943	Recom- mended 1943
Federal Projects Account .....	7,076.00	5,072.00	500.00**	467.04	.....	.....
New Spillway in Town River .....	.....	.....	.....	464.88	.....	.....
Widen North Elm Street .....	3,000.00	7,806.71*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
New Town Offices .....	.....	48.00†	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance .....	1,000.00	3,000.00*	1,000.00	2,840.37*	.....	.....
Heating Plant, Sunset Avenue School .....	3,500.00	3,426.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Land Damage Crescent Street .....	1,120.48	1,402.57*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christmas Decoration .....	125.00	125.00	35.00	.....	.....	.....
Geo. Dean Fund for Schools .....	650.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Civilian Defense .....	.....	182.89	2,500.00	2,225.26	2,000.00	2,000.00
Rationing Board .....	.....	.....	.....	69.67	690.00	690.00
Reserve Fund .....	\$141,422.02	\$141,976.75	\$135,890.62	\$124,268.36	\$133,371.97	\$133,096.97
.....	2,100.00	1,864.16	3,000.00	342.04	3,000.00	3,000.00
**Federal, State or County Contributed.						
†Available from carry over.						
**Transferred from Federal Projects Account Balance.						
WATER DEPARTMENT						
Water Department Maintenance .....	11,000.00	10,995.85	11,000.00	10,734.45	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	500.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,500.00	9,500.00
Water Department Bonds & Interest .....	4,117.60	4,117.60	2,884.80	2,884.80	2,600.00	2,600.00
.....	\$15,117.60	\$15,113.45	\$13,884.80	\$13,619.25	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00

## TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Rationing Board .....	\$69.67
War Damage Insurance .....	87.68
Dog Officer .....	19.00
Tax Collector .....	54.35
Accounting Department .....	111.34
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	\$342.04





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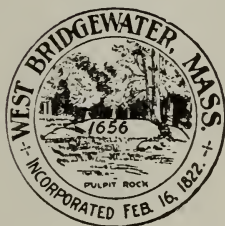
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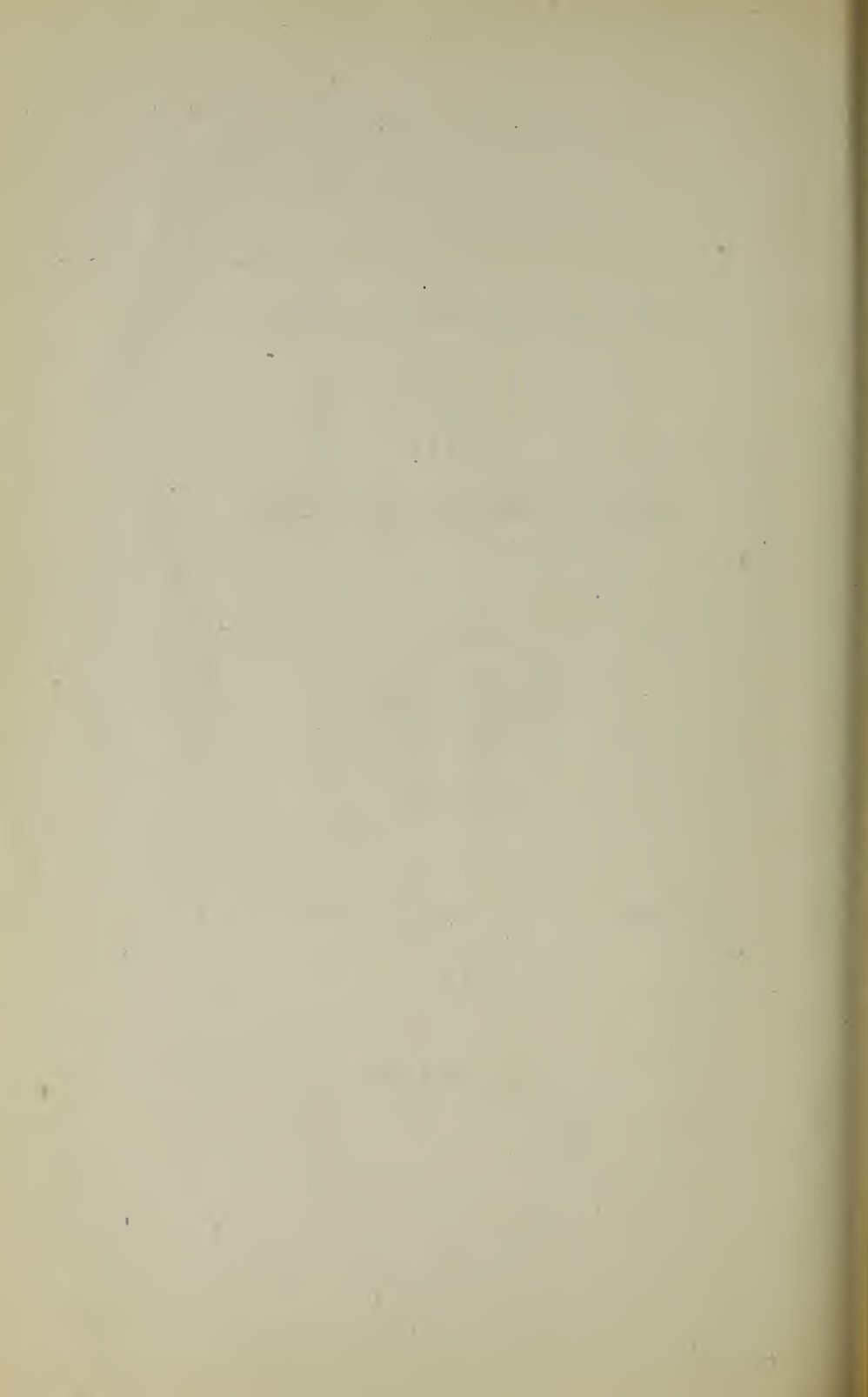
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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1943

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### MODERATOR

E. Marion Roberts

### TOWN CLERK

Herbert E. Bryant

### SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Joseph B. Porter	1941	1944
James A. Hemenway	1942	1945
William W. Noyes	1943	1946

### ASSESSORS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
William W. Phillips	1941	1944
Albert A. Howard	1942	1945
Robert G. Dean	1943	1946

### TREASURER

Orvis F. Kinney

### TAX COLLECTOR

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Walter C. Dunbar	1942	1945



## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Daniel J. Lothrop *1	1941	1944
Ada M. Wood	1942	1945
Basil M. Soule	1942	1945
Jane H. Bartlett	1943	1944
Louis P. Hayden *2	1943	1946
Martha B. Mason	1943	1946

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Lloyd P. Tryer	1941	1944
Sherman H. Perkins	1941	1944
Roger F. Tracy	1942	1945
James A. Kehoe	1942	1945
Philip Erbeck	1943	1946
Clare E. Parker	1943	1946

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
James C. Kinney	1941	1944
George W. May	1942	1945
Thomas B. Miles	1943	1946

## TREE WARDEN

Christopher Read

## CONSTABLES

Edwin T. Gibson

Chester R. Ripley

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\*1—Winfield Leavitt appointed to fill vacancy on June 14, 1943—expires in 1944.

\*2—Robert Dean appointed to fill vacancy on April 20, 1943—expires in 1944.

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK

*By Appointment — Town Meeting*

Chester R. Ripley

James A. Hemenway

Albert A. Howard

## FIELD DRIVERS

Alexander Beck

Gordon Ross

Clinton P. Howard

## FENCE VIEWERS

Clinton P. Howard

Frank X. Burque

Merrill Caswell

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>District Represented</i>
Henry Bradford	1944	At Large
John M. Richards	1944	East End
Alfred T. Wells	1944	Center
Arthur E. Ryder	1945	West End
Walter D. Crowley	1945	South End
John C. Eldridge	1946	At Large
Fred Chisholm	1946	North End

## Officers Appointed by Selectmen

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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

George G. Tucker

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Alice M. Dean

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edward L. Bourne

CHIEF OF POLICE

P. Douglas Eaton

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Christopher Read

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward L. Bourne

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

P. Douglas Eaton

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

David Dailey

DOG OFFICER

Edwin T. Gibson

BURIAL AGENT

Herbert E. Bryant

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Chester R. Ripley

Charles Hill

## TOWN PHYSICIAN

Dr. A. O. Belmore

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
John L. Sullivan	1941	1944
Fred Chisholm *	1942	1945
John Seager *	1943	1946
Herbert E. Bryant, Clerk		

## APPOINTMENTS FOR SPECIAL POLICE DUTY

The requirements of the Civil Service Department of the State exact that when assigning men to special police duty, their names be forwarded to their department for approval.

Men assigned to duty and receiving such approval during the year on various occasions consisted of members of the Auxiliary Police Force.

APPOINTMENTS BY CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF

Antone Sousa

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\* In February 1943, by reason of Mr. Chisholm's resignation, Mr. John Seager was appointed to fill vacancy and at the same time Mr. Mahoney's resignation on account of sickness was succeeded by appointment of Edward J. Hurley who served for balance of year.

## DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Raleigh A. Holden

Edwin T. Gibson

Antone Sousa

Edward Asack

Christopher Read

## OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR HOLIDAYS

JULY 4th, OCTOBER 31st.

John Eldridge

Carl Newman

Curtis Carrigan

J. Russell Hemenway

Charles Grippen

George Davis

Harold Hall

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1943

A meeting duly warned of the inhabitants of West Bridgewater qualified to vote in election and Town affairs was held in the Town Hall at West Bridgewater, Monday, March 1, 1943, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and the following is a record of the doings of said meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, E. Marion Roberts, and after Article 1 of the Warrant had been read by the Town Clerk, that is to elect the following officers for the Town by ballot, the Town Clerk declared the meeting opened to elect the following: One Town Clerk for one year; One Moderator for one year; One Assessor for three years; One Selectman for three years; One member of Board of Public Welfare for three years; One Treasurer for one year; One Water Commissioner for three years; Two School Committee members for three years; Two Trustees of Public Library for three years and one for two years to fill vacancy; One Tree Warden for one year; Two Constables for one year.

The Election Officers were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk to the faithful performance of their duties and were as follows: Edward Hurley, Helen Ross, Dorothy Williams, Anna M. O'Shaughessy, Anna L. Peterson, Grace Keenan, Mary Pratt, Lulu Gardner, Ellen Brown, Louis Hayden, William Slade.

The ballot box was inspected by the police officer in charge and found to be empty. The register was then set at zero. One



thousand two hundred ballots were delivered by the Town Clerk and receipt given for same.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared closed. There were 570 ballots cast as shown on the indicator of the Ballot Box.

The Moderator announced the following results:

#### FOR MODERATOR

E. Marion Roberts	488
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	81

E. Marion Roberts was declared elected.

#### FOR TOWN CLERK

Herbert E. Bryant	476
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	93

Herbert E. Bryant was declared elected.

#### FOR SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Fred G. Chisholm	276
William W. Noyes	286
Blanks	8

William W. Noyes was declared elected.

#### FOR TREASURER

Orvis F. Kinney	490
Blanks	80

Orvis F. Kinney was declared elected.

## FOR ASSESSOR, 3 YEARS

Robert G. Dean	482
Scattered Votes	2
Blanks	86

Robert G. Dean was declared elected.

FOR TWO MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
3 YEARS

Philip Erbeck	351
Clare E. Parker	337
Henry F. Woodward	275
Blanks	747

Philip Erbeck was declared elected.

Clare E. Parker was declared elected.

FOR TWO TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
3 YEARS

Louis P. Hayden	450
Martha B. Mason	446
Blanks	244

Louise P. Hayden was declared elected.

Martha B. Mason was declared elected.

## FOR WATER COMMISSIONER

Thomas B. Miles	478
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	91

Thomas B. Miles was declared elected.

## FOR TREE WARDEN

Christopher Read	491
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	78

Christopher Read was declared elected.

FOR ONE TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TO FILL VACANCY, 2 YEARS

Jane H. Bartlett	468
Blanks	102

Jane H. Bartlett was declared elected.

FOR CONSTABLES, 1 YEAR

Edwin T. Gibson	489
Chester R. Ripley	480
Scattered Votes	1
Blanks	170

Edwin T. Gibson was declared elected.

Chester R. Ripley was declared elected.

After the result of the election was announced the Town Clerk was sworn to the faithful performance of his office, and declared the meeting adjourned until March 8, 1943.

Town Officers sworn into office by Town Clerk:

Moderator, E. Marion Roberts; Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare, William W. Noyes; Treasurer, Orvis F. Kinney; Assessor, Robert G. Dean; School Committee, Philip Erbeck and Clare E. Parker; Library Trustees, Louis P. Hayden, Martha B. Mason, and Jane H. Bartlett; Water Commissioner, Thomas B. Miles; Tree Warden, Christopher Read; Constables, Edwin T. Gibson and Chester R. Ripley.

The following officers were sworn into office by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk on March 9, 1944:

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark, Chester R. Ripley, Albert A. Howard, and James A. Hemenway.

Field Drivers, Alexander Beck, Gordon Ross, and Clinton P. Howard.

Fence Viewers, Clinton P. Howard, Frank X. Burque, and Merrill Caswell.

Finance Committee, Fred Chisholm, Henry Bradford, and John C. Eldridge.

Superintendent of Streets, George G. Tucker.

Town Accountant, Alice M. Dean.

Chief of Fire Department, Edward L. Bourne.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, P. Douglas Eaton.

Forest Fire Warden, Edward L. Bourne.

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering, David Dailey.

Dog Officer, Edwin T. Gibson.

Superintendent of Moth Work, Christopher Read.

Public Weighers, Chester R. Ripley and Charles Hill.

Town Physician, Dr. A. O. Belmore.

Burial Agent, Herbert E. Bryant, sworn in by the Moderator.

### ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 8, 1943

At 8 o'clock P. M. the Moderator requested those present to be patient for a period to see if the number 10% of all the voters would be present as is required by our By-laws. At 8:30 P. M. the required number had not arrived and upon motion the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, March 11, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Following a vote taken at Adjourned Town Meeting, March 8, 1943, the postponed Town Meeting was called to order by

the Moderator, E. Marion Roberts. The Warrant for the Meeting was read by the Town Clerk, H. E. Bryant, and the meeting was declared open for business.

The Moderator with appropriate remarks requested the audience to rise and remain in silent tribute to our Soldiers, Sailors, and others in service of the U. S. A. World War 2.

## ARTICLE 2

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

The following named were by vote of meeting chosen:

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—James A. Hemenway, Chester R. Ripley, and Albert A. Howard.

Field Drivers—Clinton P. Howard, Gordon K. Ross, and Alexander Beck.

Fence Viewers—Merrill Caswell, Frank X. Burque, and Clinton P. Howard.

## ARTICLE 3

To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon:

The reports of the Town Officers was upon motion accepted.

## ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1943 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as

may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

On motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 5

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.

On motion this article was carried as follows:

Moderator	\$ 25.00
Selectmen's Department	700.00
Accountant's Department	800.00
Treasurer's Department	1,350.00
Collector's Department	1,979.00
Assessor's Department	1,780.00
Other Finance Offices	25.00
Town Clerk's Department	820.00
Election & Registration	420.00
Law	25.00
Town Hall and Offices	2,725.00
Police Department	3,000.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Fire Department	2,330.00
Hydrants	1,490.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Moth Suppression	2,280.00
Tree Warden's Department	700.00
Health and Sanitation	1,300.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Inspection of Slaughtering	100.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance	2,092.32
Highway Department	10,000.00



Road Machinery Account	1,000.00
Snow Removal	1,500.00
Street Lights	3,793.68
Public Welfare Administration	680.00
Public Welfare	8,000.00
Dependent Children Administration	25.00
Dependent Children	2,538.00
Old Age Assistance Administration	500.00
Old Age Assistance	18,500.00
State Aid	240.00
Soldier's Relief	1,000.00
Military Aid	250.00
Soldier's Burial	100.00
Library	1,300.00
School Department	53,470.00
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags, and Park	770.00
Memorial and Armistice Days Observance	200.00
Printing and Distributing Town Reports	427.52
Fire Insurance	502.48
Liability Insurance	1,049.59
War Damage Insurance	87.68
Interest	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service	325.00
Finance Committee	15.00
Preserving Records	50.00
Civilian Defense	2,000.00
Rationing Board	690.00
Water Department Maintenance	
(from Water Receipts)	10,000.00
Water Department Bonds and Interest	
(from Water Receipts)	2,600.00

## ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance. Said appropriation to be used together with any sum that may be allotted thereto by State and County.

On motion the sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated.

## ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of War Bonds or other Bonds that are legal investments for Savings Banks in order to establish a Post-War Rehabilitation Fund in accordance with the provision of Chapter 3, Acts of 1943.

It was moved that the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated from surplus revenue for the purchase of United States Government Bonds and that the Treasurer with the written approval of the Selectmen be hereby authorized to purchase such Bonds.

Upon vote this motion was carried.

## ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money \$75.00 for a Clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

On motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for a well child conference.

Upon motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Sec. 41 & 42 of revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and Acts thereon.

On motion this article was carried and Mr. Clifford Carlson was selected Director.

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,092.32 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital under provision of Chapter 111, Sec. 85 of the General Laws.

Upon motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse services.

Upon motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

On motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to ex-

ecute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

Upon motion this article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint two Citizens to fill vacancies on original By-law Committee.

Upon motion this article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be used for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Upon motion this article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Federal project account 1942 Balance the sum of \$600.00 to a Commissary Account.

Upon motion this article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surplusage remaining in the following departments on December 31st, 1942 into Surplus Revenue Account: Sunset Avenue School Heating \$46.19; Sunset Avenue School Sanitation \$2.18.

Upon motion this article was carried.

ARTICLE 19

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moved to transfer from overlay surplus the sum of \$3,000.00 into the Reserve Fund.

On motion this article was carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births in West Bridgewater, 1943

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
January		
16	Sandra Jean Grippen	Charles S. and Mildred A. Pratt
February		
18	William Walter Finch	James C. and Lelia M. Holyoke
April		
6	Anna Mae VanDyke	Harold D. and Anna S. Finch
May		
2	Ronald Souza	Joseph and Mary A. Silva
12	David Perry	Anthony and Francelina Barboza
20	Stillborn	
June		
10	Douglas Arthur Veronesi	Dante J. and Cora E. Fongeallaz
29	Wayne Alvin Finch	Alvin C. and Mildred R. Kugis
July		
9	William Edward Silveria	John and Mary C. Reardon
August		
13	Joyce Elaine Holyoke	Walter E. and Florence L. Staples
17	Robert Stanley Holyoke	Olin D. and Dorothy E. Dearth
November		
12	Harold Edward Height	Harold W. and Edna M. Speicht
HERBERT E. BRYANT, Town Clerk.		

#### CORRECTION — 1942

The Following birth should have been recorded as twins:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
July		
18	Donald Wilson Metcalf Ronald Edmed Metcalf	Wilson H. and Mildred E. Edmed



## Births Elsewhere to West Bridgewater Parents, 1943

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<b>January</b>		
9	Sandra Jean Stevens	Bernard F. and Mary L. Warren
10	Andrea Mary Ticchi	Andrew P. and Mary A. Covezoli
13	Paul Edward Corcoran	Francis X. and Shirley Parker
18	Brenda Louise Souza	Adelino A. and Frances M. Murray
18	Roger Adam Turski	Adam and Ruth D. Levy
29	John Alan Hollien	Mark J. and Vera Lindquist
<b>February</b>		
3	Lawrence Milton Douglas	Ralph I. and Rose A. Christofori
7	Kathleen Eloise Baker	Elbridge W. and Eloise A. Coy
12	Richard Edward Woodard	Roger E. and Doris E. Lutz
16	Gloria Louise Garfield	Harold E. and Gladys L. Reynolds
22	Gail Frances Howard	Wesley A. and Barbara L. Iveson
22	Kurt Olav Olsen	Roy N. and Aili Lamu
<b>March</b>		
4	Richard Lewis Kline	Joseph H. and Beatrice Gewirtz
5	David Michael Wardwell	Lawrence W. and Alberta G. Bump
10	Judith Ann Edwards	John E. and Ethel A. Kelly
16	Carol Ann Bolster	Wallis A. and Dorothy Corkum
22	Peter Kenneth Haven	Kenneth F. and Esther M. Woodward
26	Dianne Grace Edson	Minot A. and Arlene L. Phillips
<b>April</b>		
3	Donald Paul DeHay	Edward J. and Jennie E. Smith
3	Mary Lynne Farrell	Charles T., Jr., and Margaret R. Caron
4	Carol May Belle Greene	Harry D. and Capitola G. Nelson
20	Nancy Marie St. Onge	Ovila and Frances P. Tompkins
21	Mary Ann Martelli	Victor and Asunta Martelli
<b>May</b>		
2	Donna Elizabeth Smith	Donald P. and Svea A. Lindquist
17	Judith May Louise Staples	Richard W. and Hildur Lindquist
19	Kenneth Allen Turner	William E. and Claire Thuotte

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<i>June</i>		
2	Bertha Estella McGee	Robert E. and Bertha Learned
4	Ronald Carl Broman	Clifford E. and Ruth Meyer
14	Peter Fisher Cogswell	Norman L. and Helen E. Green
21	Peter Lawrence Morrison	Lawrence J. and Evelyn W. Smith
29	Winston Rodney Churchill	Robert S. and Doris L. Jones
<i>July</i>		
14	Frederick Joseph Martin, Jr.	Frederick J. and Patricia E. Litchfield
16	Robert Frederick MacDonald	Robert E. and Marion S. Bryant
18	Linda Joyce Soderholm	Bruce C. and Marjorie Augustine
19	Robert Edmond Copeland	Frank E. and Frances I. Smith
26	John Howard Penpraese	George H. and Violet M. Peabody
30	Stillborn	
<i>August</i>		
5	Jacqueline Mary Phelan	Philip S. and Florence M. Hutchinson
15	William Andrew Skelton 3	William A. and Mary Savory
15	———— Skelton	William A. and Mary Savory
16	Donald Wayne MacLeod	Ira M. and Doris Whitcomb
18	Rita Elaine Simono	Frank E. and Angelina J. Gagnon
20	Walter Bradford Warme	Arnold H. and Dorothy E. Nevens
<i>September</i>		
9	Brian Martin Comlin	Chester E. and Anne M. Doherty
17	Edward James Zabrosky, Jr.	Edward J. and Margaret A. Sweeney
20	Carol Ann Howe	Ora S. and Eleanor F. Allard
24	Robert Dennis Ensher	Edward J. and Gladys V. Handanyan
27	Gregory Eaton	Percy D. and Barbara G. Lanoue
28	Elizabeth Louise Parry	Herman O. and Helen M. Mack
<i>October</i>		
5	Sarah Margaret Tranmer	Richard E. and Doris E. Ryan
22	Shirley Helen Peacock	Albert L. and Madeline L. Whitcomb
22	Martha Jean Sharp	Roy E. and Priscilla F. Standley
23	Paul Arthur Ahlborg	Arnold W. and Doris W. Atwood
30	Susan Pacheco	Joseph V. and Dorothy F. Sanders
<i>November</i>		
4	Jane Ann Souza	Albert C. and Mary J. Cabral
13	Gayle Vaughn Fortier	Albert L. and Delia R. Balboni
13	Patricia Read Caswell	Lawrence M. and Ruth M. Foye

*Date**Name**Parents*

December

11 Linda Elaine Jacques

William E. and Mary Chaves

15 Peter Roy Carlson

Roy E. and Dorothy F. Burroughs

HERBERT E. BRYANT,

Town Clerk.

## Deaths Recorded in West Bridgwater, 1943

Date	Age			Cause
	Y.	M.	D.	
January				
6	Catherine W. Collins	80	2 17	Lobar Pneumonia
8	Minnie J. Puffer	76	2 26	Lobar Pneumonia
14	Ellen W. Ryder	92	7 12	Cancer of Bladder
15	John A. Penpraese	68	4 2	Coronary occlusion
15	Lana D. Allen	72	2 —	Cerebral hemorrhage
27	Etta F. Bradford	75	— —	Chronic diarrhoea
February				
6	Maude F. Ross	68	1 15	Carcinoma of spine with metastasis
8	Mary (Baylies) Grant	64	— —	Chronic Myocarditis
9	William F. Marble	84	11 21	Arterio Sclerosis
14	Emma E. Melendy	41	10 16	Pulmonary edema
March				
10	John F. Belcher	85	7 13	Terminal pneumonia following Fr. neck of Rt. fenur
11	Francis A. Mahoney	60	— —	Carcinoma of stomach
14	William H. Macomber	61	8 14	Cerebral hemorrhage
21	Charles P. Sapols	56	9 —	Coronary thrombosis
24	Charles Bolduc	31	1 6	Coronary thrombosis
April				
5	Elbert A. Hambly	77	2 25	Myocardial failure
13	Lucy M. Bunker	78	5 14	Probable coronary occlusion
24	Anna C. Hollertz	55	8 —	Carcinoma of Uterus (with general metastises)
May				
12	Joseph H. Burrill	62	9 6	Gun shot wound of head
18	Louise (Staples) Dole	82	4 6	Inanition Arterio sclerosis
20	Stillborn	—	— —	
21	Daniel J. Lothrop	73	4 22	Carcinoma of stomach (recurrent)
28	Kathleen E. Baker	—	3 21	Fibrosis of Pancreas
June				
9	Janet S. A. MacDonald	81	9 14	Congestive heart disease
21	Kenneth Lee Wiggin	58	6 8	Cardial decompensation
July				
4	Michael Damaitis	73	— —	Ruptured gall bladder

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>			<i>Cause</i>
	<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	
5 Erma N. Lawson	65	10	25	Cancer of Uterus with metastasis in abdomen & Pelvis
7 Mary E. Belcher	75	3	1	Cerebral hemorrhage
13 Abbie P. Thompson	88	3	11	Hypostatic pneumonia
25 John Alkins	45	—	—	Cancer of pancreas with abdominal metastasis
30 Stillborn	—	—	—	
August				
4 Edward Cogan	68	7	4	Lymphatic Leukaemia Intestinal obstruction
14 Alva M. Cogan	71	—	—	Hypertensive arteriosclerotic heart disease
16 Child of Wm. Skelton, Jr.	—	—	1	Prematurity
September				
11 William P. Prout	60	8	27	Cardiac failure
18 Child of Edward Zabrosky	—	—	1	Prematurity
22 Michael Bluis	56	—	—	Malignant disease of stomach
26 Ruth E. Nichols	49	5	25	Cholecystitis, coronary occlusion
October				
1 William E. Slade	56	8	10	Coronary thrombosis
7 Edith Smith Prout	58	9	3	Cancer of Uterus
14 Neal K. Barrett	57	11	3	Cerebral hemorrhage
17 John T. Hayes	68	—	—	Multiple injury from auto accident
28 Ira Allen Leach	65	7	26	Cardiac failure
31 Emma M. Johnson	83	7	17	Senility Old Fract. Rt. hip
December				
9 Edith M. Glavin	45	—	—	Chronic myocarditis & valvular heart disease
12 Alice E. Chadwick	76	9	24	Pulmonary tuberculosis
12 Rosabel S. Dunham	86	8	18	Cardiac failure following cerebral hemorrhage
21 Alwine Hampe (Meyers)	85	1	7	Acute Bronchitis and chronic myocarditis
30 Thomas P. Snell	88	—	16	Arterio-sclerosis

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Town Clerk.

## Marriages Recorded in 1943

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- Jan. 2 John J. Kent of West Bridgewater and Marietta E. Lothrop of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Cornelius P. Murray.
- Jan. 11 Earle H. Waite of West Bridgewater and Rose M Chadwick of Rockland, at Rockland, by Rev. James F. Cassidy.
- Jan. 30 Anthony Barros of West Bridgewater and Sarah H. Salvador of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Feb. 6 Bror A. Hanson of Brockton and Adeline P. Peterson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Feb. 14 Alvin C. Finch of West Bridgewater and Milder R. Kugis of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Orville E. Crain.
- Feb. 14 Harold D. VanDyke of West Bridgewater and Anna S. Finch of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Albrot S. Kellie.
- Mar. 4 Wesley Place of Brockton and Dorothy Badger of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Mar. 19 Michael P. Lukaweski of Norwood and Marianne Turski of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. John B. Missa.
- Apr. 17 Harold E. Anderson of Brockton and Edith F. Howard of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Axel Bergstede.



- Apr. 17 Robert N. Berglund of Brockton and Shirley B. Scranton of West Bridgewater, at Camp Edwards, by Charles W. Loom, Chaplain in U. S. Army.
- Apr. 24 James C. Brown of West Bridgewater and Estelle R. Monroe of Brockton, at Brockton, by J. Albert Sullivan, Justice of Peace.
- Apr. 25 Joseph Campanelli of Brockton and Margaret C. Silva of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- May 3 William A. Chouinard of West Bridgewater and Margaret M. Dearth of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Rudolph L. Samuelson.
- May 30 Francis Cheyunski of West Bridgewater and Frances Mockus of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. John B. Missa.
- June 19 Charles A. Beals of East Bridgewater and Evelyn L. Almquist of West Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Charles E. Beals.
- June 23 Royal K. Snell of West Bridgewater and Dorothy E. Smith of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Horace F. Holton.
- June 25 Charles A. Freeman, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Jean Gillespie of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. J. Wesley Pierson.
- June 26 Frederick P. Sullivan of West Bridgewater and Marie E. Smith of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- July 3 Joseph Trinke of Middleboro and Lelia M. Finch of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. J. Charles Cormier.

- July 15 James R. Young of West Bridgewater and Helen Louise Sanborn of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Edwin H. Gibson.
- Aug. 4 Henry J. Cassiani of West Bridgewater and Jean Galligan of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Aug. 14 Frederick G. Wilkins of West Bridgewater and Violet May Chandler of West Bridgewater, at Carver, by Rev. William I. Ward.
- Aug. 16 Ralph B. Swartz of West Bridgewater and Mildred V. Lang of West Bridgewater, at Whitman, by Arthur T. Cole, Justice of Peace.
- Sept. 1 Louis R. Kaminsky of Brockton and Louise H. Moore of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. James K. Allen.
- Sept. 12 Arthur J. Lupien of West Bridgewater and Helen E. Moretti of East Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas J. Ford.
- Sept. 18 Luigi Bottiglieri of Brockton and Eugenia L. DeLaura of West Bridgewater, at Worcester, by Rev. A. J. Daley.
- Oct. 7 Abraham J. Kashan of Brockton and Della M. George Kalil of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Paul Merab.
- Oct. 9 Thomas F. Silva of West Bridgewater and Mary Andrew of Taunton, at Taunton, by Rev. Thomas H. Taylor.
- Oct. 10 Irving R. Lewis of Brockton and Margery P. Alden of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis L. Cooper.

- Oct. 16 Alfred Davenport of Brockton and Martha S. Peterson of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Peter Froeberg.
- Oct. 28 Francis H. Seymour of West Bridgewater and Inez M. Baker of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Nov. 19 Richard E. Hanson of West Bridgewater and Josie C. Simpson of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Orville E. Crain.
- Nov. 20 William A. Melendy of West Bridgewater and Anna E. Bergstrom of West Bridgewater, at Boston, by Rev. Thure A. Jacobson.
- Dec. 1 Lawrence P. Juergens of West Bridgewater and Thelma M. Hickey of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. J. Wesley Pierson.
- Dec. 19 Charles H. Johnson of West Bridgewater and Audrey L. Wilbur of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. J. Wesley Pierson.
- Dec. 30 Waldo Hayward of Plymouth and Bertha F. Pearson of West Bridgewater, at Plymouth, by Rev. Floyd J. Taylor.
- Dec. 31 Edward L. Hill of East Bridgewater and Arlene D. Weymert of West Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Iris Kerr.

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ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 46  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sec. 3 Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth giving the street and number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in the city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6 Parents, within FORTY DAYS after the birth of a child, and every householder within FORTY DAYS after a birth in his house, SHALL cause notice thereof to be given to the CLERK of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3, shall, so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8 A parent, or other person who, by section 6, is required to give, or cause to be given notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for TEN DAYS after the time limit therefor, shall forfeit not more than five dollars, for each offense.

Sec. 24 The Town Clerk shall furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1943

Males	271	@	\$ 2.00	\$ 542.00
Spayed Females	91	@	2.00	182.00
Females	49	@	5.00	245.00
Kennels	3	@	25.00	75.00
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	414			1,044.00
Less Clerk's Fees	414	@	.20	82.80
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Paid During Year to County Treasurer				961.20

## FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1943

Resident Fishing Licenses	48	@	\$ 2.00	\$ 96.00
Resident Hunting Licenses	55	@	2.00	110.00
Resident Sporting Licenses	29	@	3.25	94.25
Resident Female or Minor Fishing Licenses	9	@	1.25	11.25
Resident Minor Trapping Licenses	4	@	2.25	9.00
Resident Trapping Licenses	5	@	5.25	26.25
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	150			\$ 346.75
Less Clerk's Fees	150	@	.25	37.50
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				309.25
Resident Sporting Licenses	4		FREE	
Resident Military or Naval Sporting Licenses	3		FREE	
Duplicate Licenses	2	@	.50	1.00
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Whole Number Issued	159			
Paid to Fish and Game Division				\$ 310.25

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Town Clerk.

## LIST OF JURORS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Anderson, Elmer L.,	269 Matfield St.	Farmer
Andrews, Henry E.,	75 Maolis Ave.	Shoeworker
Arvidson, Albert E.,	431 No. Elm St.	Shoeworker
Asack, Edward G.,	166 South St.	Turkey Farmer
Baker, Frederick W.,	136 Copeland St.	Poultry Man
Belmore, Louis O.,	227 Matfield St.	Retired
Benson, Bror A.,	327 East St.	Mason
Braga, Alphonse,	18 Central Sq.	Mechanic
Brown, Dexter E.,	36 Brooks Pl.	Manager
Burque, Frank X.,	26 West Center St.	Gas Station Operator
Carlson, Ivan P.,	153 Brooks Pl.	Dairyman
Caswell, Merrill L.,	381 East St.	Mechanic
Chisholm, Fred G.,	46 Sunset Ave.	Truck Driver
Cogswell, Norman,	1 Francis Ave.	Foreman
Coogan, Edward,	514 West Center St.	Bus Driver
Couite, Joseph A.,	93 Copeland St.	Farmer
Daily, David,	109 South Elm St.	Animal Inspector
Dansereau, Jeremiah P.,	20 Plain St.	Meat Cutter
Duperre, George J.,	9 Crescent St.	Foreman
Edson, Minot,	445 West Center St.	Carpenter
Eaton, Alton,	141 Crescent St.	Painter
Ensher, Edward,	175 Lincoln St.	Farmer
Erbeck, Phillip A.,	75 Bryant St.	Farmer
Fish, Ralph W.,	373 North Elm St.	Director
Fongelaz, Ernest A.,	486 West Center St.	Mechanic
Frazier, John L.,	119 So. Elm St.	Police Guard
Gibson, William E., Jr.,	22 River St.	Dairy Farmer
Green, Harry D.,	120 Ash St.	Laborer
Hayden, Louis P.,	351 North Elm St.	Manufacturer
Hayward, John L.,	151 E. Center St.	Farmer



Hemenway, J. Russell, 48 Plain St.	Box Maker
Holden, Raleigh, 20 Walnut St.	Farmer
Jordan, Richard, 96 Prospect St.	Truck Driver
Kline, Jos. H., 49 Walnut St.	Musician
Lawson, Oliver A., 433 Spring St.	Bank Clerk
Leonard, Charles E., 11 Willow St.	Farmer
McCarthy, Jeremiah J., 10 Beacon St.	Retired
Peterson, James P., 57 North Main St.	Retired
Thomas, Francis E., 138 North Elm St.	Clerk
Towers, Walter H., 449 North Elm St.	Clerk

### LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY

1943

Carlson, Ivan P.	Ensher, Edward J.
Chisholm, Fred G.	Holbrook, James R.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**OF**  
**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
**Massachusetts**

**For the Year Ending December 31**

**1943**

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my annual report in accordance with Section 61, Chapter 41, General Laws, for the year ending December 31, 1943, giving a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the town and showing the amount of each specific appropriation, with statements showing the town debt and trust funds.

A. M. DEAN,  
Town Accountant.

# I

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1943

#### ASSETS

Cash:			
General		\$70,858.81	
Library—Petty Cash		10.00	
		<hr/>	\$70,868.81
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1942:			
Personal		71.18	
Levy of 1943:			
Poll	4.00		
Personal	1,244.47		
Real Estate	13,235.06		
		<hr/>	14,483.53
		<hr/>	14,554.71

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1941	2.79	
Levy of 1942	4.74	
Levy of 1943	317.04	
	<hr/>	324.57
Tax Title	2,939.83	
Tax Possessions	1,386.07	
	<hr/>	4,325.90
Departmental:		
Health	282.85	
State Aid	120.00	
Old Age Assistance	1,007.69	
	<hr/>	1,410.54
Aid to Highway—Chapter No. 90:		
State	33.60	
County	33.60	
	<hr/>	67.20
Water Department:		
Rates & Services	2,518.93	
Water Liens, 1943	234.75	
	<hr/>	2,753.68
Underestimated 1943 County Assessment		211.07
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Highway, Chapter 90	24.96	
Scholarship Trust Fund Income	150.00	
	<hr/>	174.96
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		\$94,691.44

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Special Accounts:		
Westdale Improvement Society	\$174.76	
Surplus War Bonus Fund	540.32	
	<hr/>	715.08
Tailings		25.72
Pay Roll Deductions:		
Purchase of War Bonds	58.25	
Federal Taxes	1,036.66	
	<hr/>	1,094.91

Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,707.00
Fire Loss Reimbursement		750.00
Dog Licenses Due County		664.80
Highway Machine Fund		3,897.36
Overestimated 1943 State Parks & Reservations		4.00
Federal Grants:		
Child Welfare Service	250.83	
Old Age Assistance Administration	32.50	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	12.84	
Vocational Education	625.00	
	<hr/>	921.17
Unexpended Appropriation Balance		2,101.83
Water Department Available Surplus		7,212.38
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		6,142.52
Overlay Reserved for Tax Abatements:		
Levy of 1942	71.18	
Levy of 1943	2,760.68	
	<hr/>	2,831.86
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Tax Title and Tax Possession	4,325.90	
Motor Vehicle Excise	324.57	
Departmental	1,410.54	
Aid to Highway, Chapter No. 90	67.20	
Water	2,753.68	
	<hr/>	8,881.89
Surplus Revenue		57,740.92
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		\$94,691.44

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt; Water Loans	6,500.00
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## TRUST FUNDS AND INVESTMENT

Trust Funds, Cash, Investments and Securities		\$53,911.02
William J. & Anna C. Howard Scholarship Fund	5,234.02	
Library Funds	21,458.61	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	6,968.39	
Investment, Post War Rehabilitation	20,250.00	
	<hr/>	\$53,911.02

## II

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

## RECEIPTS

## GENERAL REVENUE

## TAXES:

## Current Year:

Real Estate	\$69,125.76
Personal	10,718.75
Poll	1,882.00

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 \$81,726.51

## Previous Years:

Real Estate	15,405.72
Personal	1,360.85
Poll	6.00
Tax Recovery	186.93
Tax Titles	1,791.16
Tax Titles Possessions	107.00

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 18,857.66

## FROM THE STATE:

Income Tax	13,014.79
Corporations Taxes	3,296.54
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	506.76
Reimbursement from Loss of Taxes	54.86

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 16,872.95

## LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Beer and Liquor	900.00
Oleo and Sunday Victuallers	38.50
Pasteurizing Milk	110.00
Permits and All Other Licenses	84.00

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 1,132.50

## FINES AND FORFEITS:

Fines—Court	1,515.00
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## GRANTS AND GIFTS:

From the State:



Schools:		
Massachusetts School Fund	1,288.87	
Tuition of Children	358.97	
Vocational Education	360.89	
	<hr/>	2,008.73
George Deen Federal Fund, Vocational		1,679.73
From the County:		
Dog Licenses		736.36

## PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1943	5,558.75	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1942	282.55	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1941	15.81	
	<hr/>	5,857.11

## DEPARTMENTAL

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Treasurer	65.25	
Collector	1.00	
Selectmen	17.50	
	<hr/>	83.75

## TOWN HALL:

Rent and Miscellaneous	352.78	
Wood for Public Welfare	62.50	
	<hr/>	499.03

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Sealer of Weights and Measures	30.15	
Miscellaneous	4.00	
	<hr/>	34.15
Fire Insurance Recovery		750.00

## FORESTRY:

Moth Department		47.00
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## HIGHWAYS:

State & County Joint Maintenance	1,848.30	
Machine Fund	11.25	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
	<hr/>	1,969.55

## HEALTH:

Commonwealth		260.71
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## PUBLIC WELFARE:

## Reimbursement—Temporary Aid:

State	853.96
Individuals	886.93

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 1,740.89

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

## Reimbursements:

Cities & Towns	938.11
State	10,851.91
Federal Grant	15,333.48
Individuals	40.00

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 27,163.50

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES:

Federal Grant	535.00
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## DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

State	777.32
Federal Grant	783.56

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 1,560.88

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:

State Aid	130.00
Military Aid	45.00

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 175.00

## SCHOOLS:

Tuition	572.83
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## LIBRARY:

Fines	83.67
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE:

Water Rates	13,969.22
Water Liens	714.42
Miscellaneous	10.30

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 14,693.94

## INTEREST:

Real Estate and Personal	429.14
Motor Vehicle Excise	7.32
Tax Title Redemption	313.75
Charges & Fees	131.35
Water Liens Added to Real Estate	.79

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 882.35

## AGENCY, TRUSTS AND INVESTMENTS:

## Agency:

Dog Tax	967.20
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## Trusts:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Withdrawn for use,	123.50
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Library Trust Funds, Withdrawn for use,	430.07
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## Investments—Trust Funds:

Investment	250.00
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Library Trust Funds	430.38
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Scholarship Trust Fund	125.00
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## Departmental:

Deducted for Purchase of

War Bonds	357.50
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Deducted for Federal

Payroll Tax	2,869.84
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 4,032.72

## REFUNDS:

Ration Board	.16
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Water Bonds Interest	10.00
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 10.16

Total Receipts	\$186,918.70
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## Departmental Accounts

## PAYMENTS

## MODERATOR

Appropriation	25.00
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## Expenses:

Moderator	25.00
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appropriation	15.00
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## Expenses:

Finance Committee	3.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	12.00
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## PRESERVING OLD RECORDS

Appropriation	50.00
Expense:	
Preserving Old Records	16.71
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	33.29

## LAW

Appropriation	25.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	825.00
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	850.00
Expenses:	
Law	850.00
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## OTHER FINANCIAL OFFICES

Appropriation	25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	25.00
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## SELECTMEN

Appropriation		700.00
Salary	430.00	
Expense	270.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	391.00	
Clerk	80.94	
Office Supplies & Postage	12.27	
Printing and Advertising	47.71	
All Other	63.58	
	<hr/>	595.50
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		104.50

## ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		800.00
Expenses:		
Accountant	624.00	
Typist-Clerk	119.94	

Printing & Postage	5.96	
All Other	16.71	
	<hr/>	766.61
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 33.39

## TREASURER

Appropriation:		1,350.00
Salary	800.00	
Expense	550.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	800.00	
Clerk	50.00	
Office Supplies	24.12	
Travel	86.00	
Tax Title Expense	18.12	
Stationery & Postage	127.65	
Printing	23.04	
Surety Bond	76.00	
Notary Fees	3.25	
All Other	3.00	
	<hr/>	1,211.18
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 138.82

## COLLECTOR

Appropriation		1,979.00
Salary	1,400.00	
Expense	579.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	1,400.00	
Office Supplies	19.69	
Tax Title Expense	38.00	
Stationery & Postage	116.10	
Printing	85.61	
Surety Bonds	179.00	
Travel	50.00	

Notary Fees	25.00	
	<hr/>	1,913.40
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 65.60

## ASSESSORS

Appropriation		1,780.00
Salary	1,350.00	
Expense	430.00	
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Expenses:		
Salaries	802.50	
Transfer Lists and Typist	214.50	
Stationery & Postage	10.00	
Printing	75.60	
Travel	43.50	
Office Supplies	22.74	
Other	10.35	
	<hr/>	1,179.19
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 600.81

## TOWN CLERK

Appropriation		820.00
Salary	720.00	
Expenses	100.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	720.00	
Stationery & Postage	20.93	
Printing	35.86	
Office Supplies	23.30	
Travel	4.50	
All Other	3.00	
Surety Bond	7.50	
	<hr/>	815.09
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 4.91



## ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION

Appropriation		420.00
Expenses:		
Registrars	27.00	
Counters, Checkers, and Observers	81.00	
Annual Lists	154.86	
Typist	44.46	
Printing Forms	22.48	
	<hr/>	329.80
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 90.20

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

## TOWN HALL

Appropriation		2,725.00
Expenses:		
Janitor	1,142.00	
Telephone	179.10	
Fuel	421.66	
Light	197.24	
Janitor's Supplies	63.82	
Repairs	252.94	
Water	14.00	
	<hr/>	2,270.76
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 454.24

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		131.91
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		3,131.91
Expenses:		
Chief	1,757.51	
Police	395.90	
Special Police	136.20	
Motor Equipment and Repair	164.10	

Gasoline & Oil	292.27	
Stationery & Postage	22.97	
Telephone	178.87	
Equipment for men	89.04	
All Other	27.95	
Radio	67.10	
	<hr/>	3,131.91

## DOG OFFICER

Appropriation		60.00
Expenses:		
Dog Officer		50.00
		<hr/>
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		10.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		2,330.00
Expenses:		
Chief	300.00	
Bonus	180.00	
Firemen	985.50	
Truck Equipment, Repairs & Supplies	226.76	
Call Station	180.00	
Hose and Fittings	116.88	
Gasoline and Oil	65.45	
Supplies & Equipment	7.67	
Alarm System	32.97	
Electricity	82.47	
Telephone	126.75	
Records	8.00	
Fire Protection	3.50	
Other	10.54	
	<hr/>	2,326.29
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		3.71

## HYDRANTS

Appropriation		1,490.00
Expenses:		
Hydrants—Water Department		1,490.00
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## FORESTRY

## MOTH EXTERMINATION

Appropriation		2,280.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	710.00	
Labor	906.00	
Insecticides	204.00	
Equipment & Repairs	116.70	
Gasoline & Oil	55.60	
Supplies & all Other	72.00	
Other	4.00	
	<hr/>	2,068.30
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 211.70

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		700.00
Salary	300.00	
Expense	400.00	
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Expenses:		
Superintendent	280.42	
Labor	347.40	
Gasoline & Oil	14.87	
Tools & Hardware	2.00	
	<hr/>	644.69
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 55.31

## INSPECTOR

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		100.00
Expenses:		
Sealer	64.86	
Gasoline & Oil	9.62	
	<hr/>	74.48
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 25.52

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## HEALTH

Appropriation		1,850.00
Salary	100.00	
Expense	1,750.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	2.00	
Typist-Clerk	80.94	
Forms, Supplies, Stationery & Postage	17.49	
Care of Dump	220.08	
County Hospital	474.50	
Vital Statistics	116.00	
All Other	195.00	
Visiting Nurse	325.00	
Inspection of Animals	61.00	
	<hr/>	1,492.01
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 357.99

## HIGHWAYS

## HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		10,000.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	1,425.00	
Labor	5,531.20	
Equipment Hire	544.00	
Tarvia	1,342.37	
Tools	171.47	
Sand	3.80	
Electricity	9.00	
All Other	12.75	
	<hr/>	9,039.59
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 960.41

## HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

## CHAPTER NO. 90—MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		1,000.00
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts		1,000.00
From County of Plymouth		1,000.00
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		3,000.00
Expenses:		
Labor	374.20	
Equipment Hire	551.85	
Broken Stone & Gravel	1,062.40	
Tarvia	884.81	
	<hr/>	2,873.26
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Balance		126.74

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation		1,000.00
Expenses:		
Supplies & Repairs	615.29	
Gasoline & Oil	333.18	
	<hr/>	948.47
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		51.53

## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		1,500.00
Expenses:		
Labor & Snow Plows	965.60	
Route No. 106	70.00	
	<hr/>	1,035.60
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		464.40

## LAND DAMAGE

## CRESCENT STREET

1941 Balance	63.40
Balance carried forward to 1944	63.40

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## SOUTH ELM STREET

1941 Balance	3.00
Balance carried forward to 1944	3.00

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## RIVER STREET

1941 Balance	2.70
Balance carried forward to 1944	2.70

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## SPRING STREET

1941 Balance	29.45
Balance carried forward to 1944	29.45

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## NORTH ELM STREET

1941 Balance	2.40
Balance carried forward to 1944	2.40

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## WEST STREET

1941 Balance	14.00
Balance carried forward to 1944	14.00

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## WEST CENTER STREET

1941 Balance	688.20
Balance carried forward to 1944	688.20

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## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	3,793.68
Expenses:	
Street Lights	3,793.68

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## CHILD WELFARE SERVICE

Federal Grant	535.00
Expense	284.17
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Balance carried forward to 1944	250.83

## CHARITIES

## PUBLIC WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	680.00
Salary	200.00
Expense	480.00
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Expenses:	
Salary	187.00
General Administration	438.94
Office Supplies	2.90
Printing & Postage	15.42
Other	18.50
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	662.76
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	18.24

## RELIEF

Appropriation	8,000.00
Expenses:	
Groceries	703.75
Fuel	269.62
Medicine & Medical	587.68
Cash Grants	1,410.00
Rent	588.00
Shoes & Clothing	61.23
All Other	23.60
Other Cities & Towns	900.59
State Institutions	318.43
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	4,862.90
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	3,137.10

## DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	2,563.00
Federal Funds	827.41
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	3,390.41
Expenses:	
Administration	22.00
Cash Aid	2,456.90
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	2,478.90
Unexpended balance;—Reverting to Revenue	898.67
Unexpended balance;—Federal Balance carried forward to 1944	12.84

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	500.00
Federal Funds	505.50
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	1,005.50
Expenses:	
Agent	550.00
Clerk	243.00
Printing & Postage	43.31
Travel	50.00
Office Expense	51.53
All Other	11.42
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	949.26
Unexpended balance:	
Reverting to Revenue	23.74
Federal Balance carried forward to 1944	32.50

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	1,850.00
Refund	40.00
Federal Fund	15,089.12
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	33,629.12
Expenses:	
Cash Grants	30,548.35

Funerals and Post Mortems	366.00	
Other Cities & Towns	726.00	
	<hr/>	31,640.35
Unexpended balance:		
Reverting to Revenue		1,988.77

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF

Appropriation		1,000.00
Salary	50.00	
Expense	950.00	
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Expenses:		
Clerk	80.94	
Fuel	229.14	
Cash	343.35	
Notary Fees	4.25	
	<hr/>	657.68
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		342.32

## SOLDIERS' BURIAL

Appropriation	100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	100.00
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## STATE AID

Appropriation	240.00
Expenses:	
State Aid	120.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	120.00

## MILITARY AID

Appropriation	250.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	250.00

## EDUCATION

Appropriation	53,470.00
Expenses:	
General Administration	
Superintendent	2,360.94
Clerk	671.74
Truant Officer	100.00
Stationery, Postage and Printing	35.14
Telephone	256.41
Traveling Expense	378.44
School Census	45.00
Miscellaneous Administration	142.54
Teachers' Salaries:	
High	14,947.11
Elementary	19,432.07
Vocational Education	102.06
Health:	
Nurse and Supplies	1,015.30
Physician	300.00
Text Books & Supplies:	
High:	
Text Books	617.65
Supplies	691.47
Elementary:	
Text Books	524.08
Supplies	1,240.64
Tuition:	
Vocational	173.20
Transportation	3,052.50
Other Transportation	72.05
Janitor:	
Elementary	3,062.65
Fuel & Light:	
Fuel	1,590.18
Gas	101.60
Electricity	425.72
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:	
Repairs	1,369.77
Water—High	27.13

Janitors' Supplies	205.37	
Water—Elementary	84.00	
Other Expenses:		
Diplomas and Graduation Exercises	100.94	
Miscellaneous	342.60	
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		53,468.30
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		1.70
STATE AIDED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
SMITH-HUGHES & GEORGE DEEN FUNDS		
Federal Funds for Vocational Education	1,679.73	
1942 Balance	75.27	
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		1,755.00
Expenses:		
Salary	1,130.00	
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Federal Balance carried forward to 1944		625.00
LIBRARY		
Appropriation		1,300.00
Expenses:		
Maintenance:		
Salaries:		
Librarian	350.00	
Assistants	392.30	
Janitor	115.66	
Janitor's Supplies	10.19	
Books & Periodicals:		
Books	306.78	
Fuel & Light:		
Fuel	72.75	
Light	6.44	
Other Expenses:		
Petty Supplies	27.49	
All Other	4.20	
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		1,285.81
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		14.19

## LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

## Expenses:

Books, Periodicals and Bindings	430.07
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## UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENSES
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Care of Monument Grounds, Flags & Parks	700.00	726.76
Memorial & Armistice Day	200.00	180.40
County Aid to Agriculture	100.00	100.00
Town Reports	427.52	427.52
Diphtheria Clinic	75.00	75.00
Well Child Conference	50.00	50.00
Dog Licenses	_____	302.40
Plymouth County Hospital Assessment	2,092.32	2,092.32
Public Welfare Recovery	_____	697.85
War Bond Deductions	_____	387.25

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		62.84
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## CIVILIAN DEFENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	2,000.00
1943 Balance	274.74
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	2,274.74

## Expenses:

Janitor	800.00
Telephone	213.72
Electricity	81.62
Fuel	163.41
Janitor's Repairs and Supplies	131.10
Water	14.00
Real Estate Taxes	173.60
Medical Supplies	70.55
Miscellaneous	29.67
Administration Supplies	17.00
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	1,694.67

Balance carried forward to 1944	580.07
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## RATIONING BOARD

Appropriation		690.00
Refund		.16
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		690.16
Expenses:		
Stationery & Forms	16.17	
Telephone	104.99	
Office Supplies	69.84	
Office Repair	184.88	
Janitor	115.00	
Electricity	21.76	
Fuel	99.30	
Transportation Committee	7.50	
Other	8.99	
Insurance	16.20	
	<hr/>	644.63
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Balance carried forward to 1944		45.53

## INSURANCE

Appropriation		1,639.75
Expenses:		
Liability	1,049.59	
Fire	502.48	
War Damage	87.68	
	<hr/>	1,639.75
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## INTEREST

Appropriation	100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	100.00

## FEDERAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

1941 Balance		600.00
Salary	10.00	
Expense	590.00	
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Expenses:	
Commissary	434.00
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Balance carried forward to 1944	166.00

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

## WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		10,000.00
Salary	500.00	
Expenses	9,500.00	
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Expenses:		
Superintendent	677.00	
Clerical	490.45	
Labor	531.60	
Call Station	180.00	
Water	7,558.40	
Stationery, Postage & Printing	131.29	
Telephone	16.14	
Truck Repair, Supplies, & All Other	20.25	
Pipe Fittings	226.10	
Gas & Oil	70.74	
Tools and Repairs	51.98	
Other	21.90	
	<hr/>	9,975.85
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Unexpended balance reverting to Water Receipts		24.15

## WATER BONDS &amp; INTEREST

Appropriation		2,600.00
Refund		10.00
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		2,610.00
Expenses:		
Bonds	2,500.00	
Interest	110.00	
	<hr/>	2,610.00
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## CEMETERY

Appropriation	130.00
Expenses:	
Care of Cemeteries	86.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	44.00

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Assessed in Tax Levy	3,112.15
Payments to the Commonwealth:	
State Tax	2,750.00
State Audit	269.00
State Parks & Reservations	89.15
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	3,108.15
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Overestimated to be carried forward to 1944	4.00

## COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

Assessed in Tax Levy	5,161.91
Underestimate to be assessed in 1944	211.07
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	5,372.98
Payments to the County:	
County Tax	5,372.98
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Payments to Federal Government:	
Federal Withholding Tax	1,818.30
Refund to Individual	14.80
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	1,833.10

## AGENCY &amp; TRUST INVESTMENTS

	NEW PRINCIPAL	WITH- DRAWAL	INCOME
Scholarship Fund		150.00	187.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care		123.50	
Library Interest Account's			430.38
Investment New Fund	20,000.00		250.00
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## Refunds:

Poll	2.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	17.02	
Real Estate	28.00	
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## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		3,000.00
Law	825.00	
Police	131.91	
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Unexpended balance reverting to Overlay Surplus		2,043.09

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## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1943

## RECEIPTS

REVENUE	1941	1942	1943
GENERAL REVENUE			
Taxes:			
Property	\$103,341.24	\$102,604.11	\$98,696.17
Poll	2,126.00	2,068.00	1,888.00
Income	13,823.55	14,178.00	13,014.79
Corporations, Etc.	3,740.95	2,621.45	3,296.54
Licenses & Permits	653.50	679.00	1,132.50
Fines & Forfeits	22.00	195.00	1,515.00
Grants & Gifts:			
From the State	9,748.05	8,960.19	2,570.35
From the County (Dog Licenses)	578.95	696.26	736.36

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

## Privileges:

Motor Vehicle Excise	8,874.65	7,904.48	5,857.11
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## Departmental:

General Government	787.98	520.25	499.03
Protection of Persons & Property	34.43	35.93	831.15
Health and Sanitation	567.85	—	260.71
Highways	11,082.29	3,325.42	1,969.55
Charities	26,800.15	30,653.96	31,000.27
Soldiers' Benefits	422.50	300.00	175.00
Schools	531.80	1,326.00	2,252.56
Library	90.14	83.84	83.67
Unclassified	25.72	359.45	—
Water Department	14,426.50	17,058.26	14,693.94
Interest	1,045.05	729.94	882.35

	<u>\$198,723.90</u>	<u>\$194,219.54</u>	<u>\$181,355.05</u>
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## NON-REVENUE

## Agency:

County Dog Tax	864.00	907.40	967.20
Trust and Investment	1,003.09	8,857.33	4,586.29
Refunds	52.53	127.07	10.16

Total Non-Revenue	<u>\$1,919.62</u>	<u>\$9,891.80</u>	<u>\$5,563.65</u>
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Total Receipts	\$200,643.52	\$204,491.34	\$186,918.70
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Cash Balance from Previous Years	43,858.85	50,190.44	74,481.94
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	<u>\$244,502.37</u>	<u>\$254,381.78</u>	<u>\$261,400.64</u>
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## PAYMENTS

## FROM REVENUE

## EXPENSES:

General Government	\$9,681.61	\$10,596.69	\$9,956.53
Protection of Persons and Property	10,580.29	8,985.85	9,785.67
Health and Sanitation	1,327.21	1,459.93	1,492.01
Highway	24,077.73	17,363.69	17,690.60

Charities	42,085.85	40,578.04	41,576.19
Soldiers' Benefits	1,012.12	535.68	777.68
Schools	48,976.00	51,523.73	54,598.30
Public Library	1,649.38	1,641.70	1,715.88
Recreation	542.57	628.14	726.76
Unclassified	9,643.76	7,911.65	7,358.00
Water Department	11,009.54	10,734.45	9,975.85
Cemeteries	121.08	72.00	86.00
Interest	296.92	148.57	110.00
Maturing Bonds and Notes	3,900.00	2,740.00	2,500.00
Total Expense	<u>\$164,904.06</u>	<u>\$154,920.42</u>	<u>\$158,349.47</u>

## OUTLAYS:

New Town Offices	48.00	—	—
Schools	3,426.00	—	—
Highways	7,806.71	1,314.31	—
Total Outlays from Revenue	<u>11,280.71</u>	<u>1,314.31</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Payments from Revenue	<u>\$176,184.77</u>	<u>\$156,234.73</u>	<u>\$158,349.47</u>

## FROM NON-REVENUE

## Agency:

State Tax	9,075.00	8,250.00	2,750.00
State Parks & Reservations	144.11	119.25	89.15
State Audit	221.56	179.81	269.00
County Tax	6,808.44	5,627.07	5,372.98
County Dog Tax	893.80	934.00	302.40
Trust and Investment	585.01	8,391.28	21,141.38
Refunds	399.24	163.70	47.02
Payroll Deductions	—	—	2,220.43
Total Non-Revenue	<u>18,127.16</u>	<u>23,665.11</u>	<u>32,192.36</u>
Total Payments	<u>194,311.93</u>	<u>179,899.84</u>	<u>190,541.83</u>
Cash Balance at end of year	<u>50,190.44</u>	<u>74,481.94</u>	<u>70,858.81</u>
	<u>\$244,502.37</u>	<u>\$254,381.78</u>	<u>\$261,400.64</u>



## IV

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

## Water Loans

Date of Maturity	4% Bonds	1%
	Issued	12 Notes Issued
	1914	1940
1943	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
1944	500.00	2,000.00
1945		2,000.00
1946		2,000.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00

# PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS

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Name of Fund	Invested in	Jan. 1, 1943	Income Earned	Income Paid Out	December 31, 1943
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>					
Evrard-Alger	Brockton Savings Bank	\$203.01	\$4.08	\$4.00	\$203.09
Alfred E. Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	210.11	4.22	6.00	208.33
Sanford Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	50.85	1.01	1.00	50.86
William Burke	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	164.61	3.30	6.00	161.91
Davis Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.69	4.02	4.00	200.71
Mrs. Henry Copeland	Brockton Savings Bank	100.30	2.01	2.00	100.31
Lyman and Pardon Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	650.86	13.07	13.00	650.93
Samuel G. Copeland	Peoples' Savings Bank	200.82	4.02	4.00	200.84
Samuel G. & James Copeland	Brockton Savings Bank	1,042.64	20.95	15.00	1,048.59
Martha K. Crosby	Peoples' Savings Bank	100.05	2.01	2.00	100.06
Mary A. Dewyer	Peoples' Savings Bank	106.44	2.13	4.00	104.57
Michael Dewyer	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.22	2.01	2.00	100.23
John E. & Desire L. Gould	Brockton Savings Bank	100.51	2.01	2.00	100.52
The Hartwell Fund	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	313.39	6.29	9.00	310.68
Etta L. Hartwell	Peoples' Savings Bank	324.41	6.51	—	330.92
Frank P. Hatch	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	161.12	3.23	3.00	161.35
Julia M. Hooper	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	143.12	2.87	—	145.99
Alba Howard	Brockton Savings Bank	101.37	2.03	2.00	101.40
Isabelle Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank	100.05	2.01	2.00	100.06
S. Nelson Howard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	102.76	2.05	2.50	102.31
Samuel H. Howard	F. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	106.39	2.13	3.00	105.52
Harriet M. Jennings	Brockton Savings Bank	105.64	2.11	3.00	104.75
Abbie B. Jones	Brockton Savings Bank	101.50	2.03	2.00	101.53

Name of Fund	Invested in	Jan. 1, 1943	Income Earned	Income Paid Out	December 31, 1943
Sumner D. Keith	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	113.01	2.27	—	115.28
Warren C. Kinney	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.82	4.02	4.00	200.84
Henry J. LeLacheur	Brockton Savings Bank	100.30	2.01	2.00	100.31
Joshua Morse	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	107.43	2.15	—	109.58
Emma F. Packard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	303.73	6.09	6.00	303.82
Fred A. Perkins	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.41	2.01	2.00	100.42
Rosa R. Shaw	Brockton Savings Bank	386.77	7.76	7.00	387.53
Sarah F. Shipman	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.18	2.01	2.00	100.19
Orrin A. Smith	Peoples' Savings Bank	150.07	3.01	3.00	150.08
South Street Cemetery	Peoples' Savings Bank	90.16	1.81	—	91.97
Robert Tibbetts	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.06	2.01	2.00	100.07
Charles C. Thayer	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	207.68	4.16	—	211.84
Mary Elizabeth Wilson	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.98	4.02	—	201.00
		\$6,952.46	\$139.43	\$123.50	\$ 6,968.39

## LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Cornelia Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	675.00			675.00
Nathan Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	500.00			500.00
Eliza P. Dalton & Millard					
O. Dalton	Brockton Savings Bank	250.00			250.00
Mary N. K. Edgerly	N. Easton Savings Bank	250.00			
	U. S. Fourth Liberty Bond	250.00			500.00
Francis E. Howard	Bridgewater Savings Bank	250.00			
	U. S. Fourth Liberty Bond	250.00			500.00

William J. Howard & Anna C. Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank	22.30	.44	
Mary L. Perkins	War Bond Series G.	2,500.00		2,522.74
Mary P. Whitman	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	1,000.00		1,000.00
	Brockton Savings Bank	3,000.00		
	Bridgewater Savings Bank	4,000.00		
	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	4,000.00		
	Peoples' Savings Bank	4,000.00		15,000.00
		\$20,947.30	\$ .44	\$20,947.74

## LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Interest Acct. No. 1	Brockton Savings Bank	388.98	308.93	323.12	374.79
Interest Acct. No. 2	Brockton Savings Bank	111.04	131.99	106.95	136.08
		\$500.02	\$440.92	\$430.07	\$510.87

## SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank	44.59	1.93	46.52
	War Bond Series G.	5,062.50	125.00	5,187.50
		\$5,107.09	\$126.93	\$5,234.02

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1943:

In 1943, the shortage of material and the lack of a complete road crew made new construction impossible. Most of the highway road work was done by using Black Mix and Gravel Patching.

The following streets were Tarvia Seal Coated:

Scotland Street	one-half mile
Pleasant Street	one-half mile
East Street	seven-tenths mile
Manley Street	six-tenths mile
Walnut Street	one tenth mile

Four thousand feet on East Center Street was laid with a mixture consisting of crushed stone and tarvia called "Mixed-in-place". The shoulders of this road were widened three feet on each side, making the road twenty-four feet instead of eighteen feet.

All drains and catch basins were inspected and a new one installed on Hillside Avenue.

Bridges, sign posts, school signs and traffic lines were checked and repainted. Throughout the year, a great many street and

school signs were destroyed. This caused an unnecessary expense to the townspeople and we do hope it will not continue next year.

During the year, two large steel girders were moved from the South Main Street bridge to the bridge on Forest Street, to be used in the future.

Above is a summary of some of the work accomplished by the Department but it is impossible to give all of the work done.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, department heads and laborers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. TUCKER,

Superintendent.



## **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

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### **For the Year ending December 31, 1943**

Fifty-four barns were inspected through-out the year of 1943.

The routine follow-up work was down on seven dogs for rabies.

There were no Slaughtering Licenses given out in West Bridgewater during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID DAILEY,  
Inspector of Animals.

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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The financial transactions of the Town for the year 1943 may be briefly summarized as follows:

Cash on hand January 1, 1943	\$ 74,481.94
Cash on hand December 31, 1943	70,868.81
Received from Collector	119,795.36
Received from Other Sources	67,123.34
Total Receipts	186,918.70
Payments during the year of 1943	190,541.83
Payments on Water Bonds and Notes	2,500.00
Payments of Interest on Water Bonds and Notes	100.00
Outstanding Water Bonds, December 31, 1943	5,000.00
Outstanding Water Notes, December 31, 1943	6,000.00
Tax Title Accounts, December 31, 1943	4,819.35
Tax Title Redemptions	1,352.80
Tax Title Partial Payments	122.00
Tax Title Added Interest	207.62
Tax Title Releases	60.00
Sale of Tax Title Possessions and Treasurers' Sale	107.00
Bought U. S. War Bonds, Series G.	20,000.00

The report of the expenses of the Treasurer's Office and a detailed account of the Library Trust Funds, and Cemetery Trust Funds, may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVIS F. KINNEY

· Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### **West Bridgewater Civilian Defense Committee — January 1, 1944**

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Three years have elapsed since the Civilian Defense Committee was established in West Bridgewater. During this entire period the general activities of Defense Committees have been viewed with varying degrees of sympathy and cooperation. Many have felt that much of the time and effort spent in the organization and operation of Defense Committees could have been spent to much better advantage in some other line of endeavor. We believe that much of the confusion has been due to wishful thinking and to an undue amount of confidence in the resourcefulness and ability of the American public, rather than to any decision that might have been reached as the result of careful analysis and study.

True, reports from the several war areas have for the most part been favorable to the cause of the United Nations. It is also true that these same reports of success have removed from our shores much of the menace against which Civilian Defense Protection was organized. However, much remains to be done before the victory is won, our need for protection and precaution at home cannot be over-looked.

Due to this improvement in the general conditions, there have been adjustments made in the Civilian Defense Program. These changes were made as a result of recommendations by the Army and the Civilian Defense Headquarters. Dim-out regula-

tions have been relaxed, and it has been deemed unnecessary to continue the twenty-four hour manning of our telephone service at the Report Center. We are, however, required to have a coverage of the Federal Telephone at all times. In order to comply with regulations, extensions have been placed in the Fire Station and in the home of Edward Bourne, the head of the Protection Division of our Civilian Defense Committee and Chief of our Fire Department.

The several units of the organization, including Wardens, Auxiliary Policemen, Auxiliary Firemen, First Aid Groups, Rescue Squads, and so on, have been organized in such a way that they are ready to function at very short notice. West Bridgewater may well be proud of the activity of its townspeople on the home front as well as in the Armed Forces. It is one of the few communities where protection was provided through a twenty-four hour coverage by the citizens throughout the period of extreme emergency. The various services of the organization have maintained their high degree of efficiency through the constant interest and hard work of the individuals in those organizations. We have always been ready to answer whatever calls have been made upon us.

Examination of the expenditures for the past year will show that \$1,694.67 was spent in this protective service. Our budget for 1944 calls for an appropriation of \$1,400 which, added to a balance of \$580.07 which was not expended, means that our total budget for expenditures for the year 1944 will be \$1,980.07. The distribution of the expenditures is as follows:

Janitor's Salary	\$803.00
Telephone	200.00
Electricity	100.00
Fuel	200.00
Water	14.00

Taxes	175.00
Call Station	120.00
Supplies	368.07
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	\$1,980.07

Medical supplies, janitor's supplies, incidentals, repairs, and so on total \$368.07.

It is quite possible that many citizens may feel that an appropriation for Civilian Defense Activity for the year 1944 can and should be eliminated. Careful consideration has been given to the various facts involved. Information obtained from most reliable sources seems to bear us out in our decision that such action does not seem feasible at this time.

Whereas the immediate danger of invasion seems to have been removed, those in authority, both the Army and the Civilian Defense Organizations, are convinced that it is still essential that we maintain our organization on a working basis until such time as there is no longer the possibility that anything may happen to us. There is also another reason why Civilian Defense Groups should be kept in a condition of readiness, and that is in the matter of service in time of civilian emergency. With the program already set up we should be in a position to handle any emergency which might arise. Under normal conditions, one might argue that such a service was not a necessary one, but during this time due to the general man-power situation our regular agencies can ill afford to have additional demands made upon them, and are only too anxious to take advantage of the assistance which Civilian Defense Groups may be in a position to render.

The Civilian Defense Committee, the Red Cross, the Auxiliary Policemen, the Nurses Training Units, and others still use

the Headquarters Building for their regular meetings. The Ration Board has its headquarters on the second floor of the building and uses three of the rooms as offices. Your committee continues to meet regularly to consider reports and regulations from District and State Headquarters and to keep in working condition the organization which has been set up for your protection. The other groups are endeavoring to carry on various phases in the furtherance of civilian and war activities.

The Committee wishes to extend to all of those who have assisted in any way their thanks and appreciation for services rendered. May we never be called upon to face a major catastrophe, and may the time be short until we will no longer need to maintain our organization at a constant "alert". Let us be thankful that we have been called upon to sacrifice so little.

H. E. Bryant, Chairman  
 Ralph S. Frellick, Executive Secretary  
 William W. Noyes, Chief Warden  
 Alfred T. Wells, Food and Supplies  
 Edward L. Bourne, Chairman-Protection Div.  
 James A. Kehoe, Map Plot  
 Horace E. Swann, Evacuation  
 Dr. A. O. Belmore, Medical.



## REPORT OF RATIONING BOARD

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Your local Rationing Board, first organized in January, 1941, hereby submits its second annual report. It is indeed a pleasure to announce the many new and necessary changes that have been made during the past successful year.

On January 10, 1943, our Board, with five members, and one part-time and one full-time Clerk, was moved from the Tax Collector's Office to their new Office which is situated in the Civilian Defense Quarters on 2 Central Square. This, in itself, was a very smart and beneficial step. We have been more conveniently located for the Townspeople, and although we have been more expense to the Town this past year, we believe that it has all been quite worth while. We received all of our Office Furniture directly from the Federal Government, thus relieving the Town of this large expense.

On June 3, and November 10, respectively; we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Horace Swann, and Mr. James Kehoe as regular volunteer Board Members. Because of his helpful assistance in the capacity of Transportation Chairman, we placed Mr. Kehoe on our gasoline and tire panel. Mr. Swann duly volunteered to act as Chairman of the Price Panel. We were also very fortunate in being permitted to promote Miss Gladys Bergstrom from part-time to full-time Clerk.

This year again we have had the able assistance of the Supt. of Schools and the teachers in many of our Rationing Registrations, and also, the School Committee was kind enough to lend us a typewriter while we were waiting for ours to arrive from the State.

On November 1, our hours were changed and we feel that they will be much more beneficial to the Townspeople. We are now open to the public, Weekdays, except Tuesday, from eight-thirty a.m. to twelve and from one p.m. until five-thirty p.m. On Tuesday from twelve o'clock noon until nine p.m. The Board meetings are held on Tuesday evening between seven-thirty and nine p.m.

This year we have divided our Board into separate panels.

They are as follows:

Gasoline, Tires, Shoes, Bicycles, Rubber Boots, Typewriters

Raleigh A. Holden

Walter C. Dunbar

James A. Kehoe

Fuel Oil, Meats, Price Control, Processed Foods, Sugar, Heating stoves.

Sherman H. Perkins

L. Merrill Caswell

Horace E. Swann

Mr. Hemenway, Chairman, has supervision of all panels.

We would like to suggest that all persons filling out renewals for supplementary gasoline file their applications thirty days before the expiration date of their book. This will help to benefit each individual as well as the Board itself.

In closing, I would like to thank Mr. Taylor, the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Teachers and all others who have helped to make our past year a successful one by their unselfish cooperation and respect. The Board has tried very

hard to take care of all situations which have arisen to the best of their ability, and we feel that we have done so.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RUSSELL HEMENWAY,  
Chairman.

L. MERRILL CASWELL  
WALTER C. DUNBAR  
RALEIGH A. HOLDEN  
JAMES A. KEHOE  
SHERMAN H. PERKINS  
HORACE E. SWANN

## **REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND SUPERINTENDENT OF GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1943.

The trees of the town are in a healthy condition though the extreme cold weather last winter killed some of the maple tree branches.

Many of the elm trees around the center of the town were infested with the elm leaf beetle, but not as badly as in previous years.

All the trees bordering the highways were sprayed and some of the elms were sprayed twice.

We scouted for the gypsy moth egg clusters and have creosoted all that we found, though they were not as numerous as in years past.

The usual trimming of low hanging and dead branches was done during the year and also several dead and dangerous trees were removed.

Respectfully submitted,

**CHRISTOPHER READ,**  
Tree Warden and  
Moth Superintendent.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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During the year 1943 there were 297 reportable diseases sent in to the Board of Health as follows:

	1943	1942
Chicken Pox	43	41
Dog Bite	6	2
German Measles	117	21
Measles	40	21
Meningitis Pfeiffer Bacillus	1	1
Influenza	2	0
Malaria	1	0
Mumps	44	30
Pneumonia, Lobar	1	2
Scarlet Fever	3	6
Whooping Cough	39	2
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The above report shows that we had 171 more communicable diseases reported in 1943 than we had in 1942 and we well know that many more should have been reported, but were not; SO we wish to call to the attention of the Public the law requiring that certain diseases be reported under penalty of fine. Therefore, it is the duty of everyone to acquaint himself with the reportable diseases. We had 217 cases of measles last year and as a result of children attending school who had contracted the Measles and were in close contact with others, also the indifference of the parents, Measles gained an unwarranted spread in the early months of 1943. Some people seem to think that

this disease is of no particular importance and treat it accordingly. This office is informed that it is one of the worst diseases, and if the proper care is not administered it may result in several chronic defects. Why hesitate to report the case? Your child may get well but your neighbor's child who might have contracted the malady from him may die or become afflicted with the one or many defects related to Measles. It is the opinion of the State Board of Health that too little attention is paid to the seriousness of Measles.

I have made frequent inspections of the sanitary conditions of all school buildings and found them to be in accord with the requirements of the Board of Health.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held at the Town Hall in May and June of this year, under the direction and cooperation of the Board of Health, and assisted by Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, I gave three inoculations three weeks apart, of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin, to forty-seven children; the results obtained were satisfactory.

The Board of Health has requested seventeen physical—X-ray examinations be made at the Plymouth County Hospital in South Hanson, and one new case of tuberculosis has been reported.

A. O. BELMORE, M. D.

Health Officer.

JAMES A. HEMENWAY, Ch.

JOSEPH B. PORTER, Clerk

WILLIAM W. NOYES

Board of Health.



## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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### REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1941

Balance Outstanding January 1, 1943	\$28.41
Tax Title Takings	28.41
	<u>56.82</u>

### PERSONAL — 1941

Balance Outstanding, January 1, 1943		38.39
Payments to Treasurer	\$19.43	
Abatements	18.96	38.39
		<u>76.78</u>

### POLL — 1942

Balance Outstanding, January 1, 1943		14.00
Payments to Treasurer	6.00	
Abatements	8.00	14.00
		<u>28.00</u>

### PERSONAL — 1942

Balance Outstanding, January 1, 1943		1,416.80
Payments	1,341.42	
Abatements	4.20	1,345.62
		<u>2,762.42</u>
Balance Outstanding December 31, 1943		71.18
		<u>2,833.60</u>

### REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1942

Balance Outstanding January 1, 1943		15,446.77
Payments	15,405.72	
Abatements	4.76	
Tax Title Takings	36.29	15,446.77
		<u>30,893.54</u>

## POLL — 1943

Commitment per Warrants		2,296.00
Refunded		2.00
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		2,298.00
Payments	1,882.00	
Abatement	412.00	2,294.00
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Balance Outstanding December 31, 1943		<u>4.00</u>

## PERSONAL — 1943

Commitment per Warrants		12,024.12
Payments	10,718.75	
Abatements	60.90	10,779.65
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Balance Outstanding December 31, 1943		<u>1,244.47</u>

## REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1943

Commitment per Warrants		83,299.48
Refunded		28.00
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		83,327.48
Payments	69,125.76	
Abatements	633.64	
Tax Title Takings	355.02	70,114.42
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Balance Outstanding, December 31, 1943		<u>13,213.06</u>

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX — 1941

Balance Outstanding, January 1, 1943		20.60
Payments	15.81	
Abatements	2.00	17.81
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Balance Outstanding, December 31, 1943		<u>2.79</u>

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX — 1942

Balance Outstanding, January 1, 1943		359.15
Subsequent Commitment per Warrants		10.00
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		369.15
Payments	282.55	
Abatements	81.86	364.41
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Balance Outstanding, December 31, 1943		<u>4.74</u>

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX — 1943

Commitment per Warrants		5,953.99
Refunds		17.02
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		5,971.01
Payments	5,558.75	
Abatements	95.22	5,653.97
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Balance Outstanding, December 31, 1943		<u>317.04</u>

## WATER RATES &amp; SERVICES — 1943

Balance Outstanding January 1, 1943		2,254.55
Commitment per Warrants		14,981.84
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		17,236.39
Payments	13,969.22	
Abatement	52.40	
Water Lien Added to Real Estate, 1943	695.84	14,717.46
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Balance Outstanding December 31, 1943		<u>2,518.93</u>

## WATER LIEN ADDED TO REAL ESTATE — 1943

Balance Outstanding, January 1, 1943		695.84
Payments	424.09	
Water Lien Added to Tax Title	15.00	439.09
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Balance Outstanding, December 31, 1943		256.75
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## WATER LIENS ADDED TO REAL ESTATE — 1942

Balance Outstanding January 1, 1943	290.33
Payments	290.33
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## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

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Total Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting March 8, 1943	\$168,202.95
Appropriations at Special Town Meetings	None
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Total Appropriations made since 1942 rate was fixed	168,202.95
State Tax 1943	2,750.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax 1943	93.15
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	269.00
County Tax 1943	5,161.91
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	2,092.32
Overlay	3,867.22
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Total Amount to be raised	182,436.55
Less Total Estimated Receipts	46,822.95
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	135,613.60
Less Amounts Taken from Available Funds	38,000.00
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	97,613.60
Less Poll Taxes (1145 at \$2.00)	2,290.00
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NET Amount to be raised by Taxes on Property	95,323.60
Property Taxes Assessed Subsequently	None
Poll Taxes Assessed Subsequently	6.00

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons, Partnerships, Corporations,  
etc., assessed:

On Personal Estate Only	52
On Real Estate Only	929
On Both Personal and Real Estate	135

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Total Number Assessed	1,116
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Number of Male Polls Assessed	1,145
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Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock in trade	\$12,950.00
Machinery	35,800.00
Live Stock	102,374.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	278,309.00

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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	429,433.00
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Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land	670,930.00
Buildings	2,304,050.00

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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	2,974,980.00
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Total Value of All Assessed Property	3,404,413.00
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Tax Rate per \$1000.00	28.00
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Tax for all purposes spread as follows:

On Polls	2,290.00
On Personal Estate	12,024.12
On Real Estate	83,299.48

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Total Taxes Assessed	97,613.60
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Number of Horses Assessed	74
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Number of Cows Assessed	736
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Number of Yearlings, Bulls and Heifers Assessed	133
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Number of Swine Assessed	25
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Number of Sheep Assessed	4
Number of Fowl Assessed	32,619
Number of Goats Assessed	24
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	9,020
Number of Dwellings Assessed	909

## EXEMPTED PROPERTY

## REAL ESTATE

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater	\$107,250.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society	15,500.00
Baptist Society	6,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Society	8,325.00
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston	24,100.00
Sunset Avenue Congregational Society	4,700.00
Unitarian Society	13,500.00
Cemeteries (Privately owned)	4,540.00
Town Hall and Lot	15,500.00
Fire Station	2,000.00
Highway Building and Lot	9,500.00
Library	3,400.00
School Department (Land and Buildings)	66,100.00
Parks	8,800.00
Cemeteries (Town Owned)	600.00
Various Lots owned by Town	5,265.00
Property of the Commonwealth	2,523.00
Total Value of Exempted Real Estate	<u>\$298,303.00</u>

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater	\$7,000.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society	8,000.00

## Town of West Bridgewater:

Water Department	152,000.00
Fire Department	15,000.00
Library	8,000.00
School Department	7,000.00
Highway Department	4,000.00
Town Hall and Offices	3,000.00
Moth Department	2,000.00
Police Department	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	250.00
Tree Warden	100.00

Total Value Exempted Personal Property	\$206,850.00
Total Value All Exempted Property	\$505,153.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	NO. OF CARS	VALUE	EXCISE
1942 M.V.E. Committed			
February 25, 1943	5	\$ 780.	\$ 10.00
1st Commitment March 1, 1943	183	33,110.	1,206.31
2nd Commitment April 8, 1943	584	76,950.	2,808.65
3rd Commitment April 9, 1943	120	23,850.	853.95
4th Commitment Sept. 13, 1943	194	25,800.	799.69
5th Commitment Oct. 18, 1943	61	6,840.	147.07
6th Commitment Dec. 20, 1943	63	8,200.	138.32
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	1210	\$175,530.	\$5,963.99
Average Assessed Value per Car			\$145.06
Average Excise per Car			\$4.93

ROBERT G. DEAN

WILLIAM W. PHILLIPS

ALBERT A. HOWARD

Board of Assessors.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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In compliance with the requirements of the law I herewith submit my report of the work done by me as sealer of weights and measures for the year 1943.

I have visited all the various places in town known to have weighing or measuring devices and have tested and sealed or condemned the same.

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Platform Scales	4	22	2
Counter Scales		5	
Beam Scales		3	
Spring Scales	5	29	1
Computing Scales		4	
Person Weigher		1	
Avoirdupois Weights		63	
Vehicle Tanks		1	
Liquid Measures		13	1
Gasoline Meters		13	
Kerosene Pumps		2	
Oil Measuring Pumps		2	
Quantity Measures on Pumps		3	
Fees Collected	\$30.15		

DOUGLAS EATON  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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We have been faced during the year 1943 with continued restrictions due to the national effort to win the war. Your Board of Selectmen has tried to cooperate in every respect with State and Federal authorities.

Post war planning has been given careful consideration and several projects have been reported to the Massachusetts Public Works Planning Committee.

The roads of the town are not in as good condition as we would like, but we have done our best with the material we could obtain. There were no funds allotted by the State for Chapter 90, new construction this year and probably there will be none available until the end of the war.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the fine cooperation it has received from the various departments and the citizens of the town.

*Signed*

JAMES A. HEMENWAY

JOSEPH B. PORTER

WILLIAM W. NOYES

Selectmen of West Bridgewater.

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

*Division of Accounts**State House, Boston*

January 24, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. James A. Hemenway, Chairman  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of West Bridgewater, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1943.

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Payments	\$3,131.91
Court fines returned to the Town	\$1,569.60
Stolen property recovered	\$ 398.75

Complaints and Investigations	158
Automobile Violations	289
Automobile Violations turned over to Registry	30
Automobile Violations on file	151

The following cases were disposed of according to the case.

Automobile violators of executive order number 35, 40 and 55	75
Operating under the influence of liquor	5
Operating so as to endanger	6
Operating uninsured car	1
Operating unregistered car	1
Operating without a license	1
Operating without a license or registration	1
No periodic inspection sticker	16
Failing to stop at stop sign	1
Failing to slow at intersection	1
Illegitimacy	1
Violation of probation	5



Assault and battery	1
Delinquency	2
Drunkenness	9
Leaving scene of accident without making self known after causing property damage	1
No support	3
Neglect of minor children	2
Setting fires	1
Breaking and entering and larceny	4
Larceny in a building	11
Maliciously breaking of windows	5
Maliciously breaking and entering and destroying property	6
Runaway from home	3
Persons escaped from State Hospital apprehended	1
Persons escaped from Bridgewater State Farm ap- prehended	2

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Automobile accidents	24
Automobile accidents, persons killed	1
Automobile accidents, persons injured, taken to doctor	4
Automobile accidents, persons injured, taken to doctor and then hospital	5
Motorcycle accidents, persons killed	1
Automobile and bicycle accident	1
Automobile and bicycle accident, persons injured, taken to doctor and hospital	1
Persons injured, caused by runaway horse, taken to hospital	1
Persons ill taken to hospital	8
Persons committed suicide	1
Persons reported missing and located	3
Persons lost in woods located	3

Fire alarms answered by police	71
Number plates returned to Registry	4
Summons served for other Departments	18
Investigations with other Departments	9
Emergency communications delivered	9
Defective light tickets given out	75
Investigations made out of Town	3
Arrest made out of Town	4
Hazards in roads reported	3
Children removed from home due to neglect	7
Automobile transfer papers given out and received	72

The police car has travelled 38,239 miles in performance of duty.

Due to the State police changing their radio from A. M. to F. M. frequency, the Town was obliged to buy a new receiving set or being tied in with Brockton police—the latter being done, at the same time having a transmitter installed which is an asset to the Town as well as to the Police department.

I sincerely wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Selectmen and to all others who have co-operated with the Department.

I sincerely wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary Police Department for its past and present co-operation.

DOUGLAS EATON,

Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of the West Bridge-water Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

### VALUE LOSSES AND INSURANCE PAID

Assessor's value of buildings	\$35,700.00
Insurance on buildings	37,650.00
Insurance paid on buildings	5,955.00
Estimated value on contents	19,525.00
Insurance on contents	13,300.00
Estimated loss on contents	920.00
Insurance paid on contents	739.00

### CALLS ANSWERED

Frame buildings	26
Grassland (9¼ acres)	25
Brush and Woodland (8 acres)	27
Automobiles	3
Dumps	2
Lost persons	2
Aid calls	1
Women and children locked out	1
Inhalator	1
Building full of smoke—no fire	2

Haystack	1
Rubbish	1
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Total calls answered	92

### PERMITS

Oil Burner	6
Gas Storage	2
Open Air Fires	143

### ATTENTION — STATE LAW

All fires in open air require a written permit from the Chief of the Fire Department. No permits issued during the months of April and May except on rainy days.

Rules and regulations of Department of Public Safety, Section 4, Chapter 148.

“No fuel oil burners shall be installed and no fuel oil in excess of ten (10) gallons shall be kept or stored in any building or other structure without a written permit having been obtained from the Marshall, providing that if building is used for habitation, such permit must be obtained from the Head of the Fire Department.”

The Department has traveled 498½ miles, pumped 38½ hours, laid 20,625 feet booster hose, 4,750 feet of 2½ inch hose, 700 feet of 1½ inch hose, raised 492 feet of ladders and used 75 gallons chemical.

### APPARATUS

One 500 gallon triple combination Buffalo Equipment on Diamond T chassis, purchased in 1937.

One Maxim 500 gallon triple combination purchased in 1924.

One Chevrolet combination with 120 gallon water tank and

pump used to extinguish grass and woods fires. Built in 1938 by the Fire Department.

One twelve foot boat and trailer presented to the Town by the American Legion for emergencies.

### CALL FORCE

The Call Force consists of one chief, one acting deputy chief, one captain, one acting captain, sixteen privates and five forest fire wardens.

Members in Armed Services—Raymond Keith and John Burke.

### FIRE ALARM AND EMERGENCY SIGNAL

Siren and tapper system tested daily except Sundays.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE

CHIEF 4137

STATION 4137

### CAUSES OF FIRES THIS YEAR

Sixty-five per cent of fires this year about equally divided between the following causes: Dirty or defective chimneys, carelessness with open-air fires, children and matches, incendiary and smoking.

Thirty-five per cent by defective fire-places, short circuits, sparks from heaters, hot ashes in wooden containers, over-heated stoves, smokepipes too near wood-work, static spark and lightning.

Now is a good time to look your house over.

If you are one of the many that sleep above the first floor with only one stairway, what would you do if you awoke in the night with escape by the stairs cut off with smoke or fire? Would you rather lower your family by a rope or take a chance and jump?

A traveling man carried a rope in his suit case for over twenty years before using it; he was one of a very few who escaped from a large hotel in Chicago when it was destroyed by fire. Don't say it can't happen here; it is happening somewhere while you are reading this report.

To keep your fire losses small call your fire department immediately on discovering a fire in a building, grassland or woodland.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and all others, who have in any way helped the Fire Department.

To the members of the Department I want to say thanks for your cooperation and good work.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. BOURNE,  
Chief of Fire Department.



## REPORT OF COMMISSARY

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In accordance with provisions of Federal, State and municipal agreements, the Commissaries were discontinued as of June 30, 1943. For the present, government surplus commodities are diverted chiefly to the armed forces and to our allies.

During the first six months of 1943 the local Commissary distributed the following amounts of food and clothing.

### FOOD

Fresh:		
Apples	3935	Lbs.
Tangerines	2870	Lbs.
Canned:		
Milk	3624	Cans
Cereal:		
Corn Meal	5832	Lbs.
Graham Flour	3442 $\frac{1}{4}$	Lbs.
Rolled Oats	2688	Lbs.
Wheat Flour	6419	Lbs.
Dried:		
Beans	1076	Lbs.

### CLOTHING

Approximately 500 articles of clothing were given out to certified recipients.

We are grateful to our sponsors and patrons for their fine

cooperation, sorry that this division no longer exists to be of service but glad that additional power can be applied to the war effort.

CHARLOTTE L. WILLIAMS,

Supervisor.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### TRUSTEES

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
*Daniel J. Lothrop	1941	1944
Jane Bartlett	1942	1944
Ada M. Wood	1942	1945
Basil M. Soule	1942	1945
*Louis P. Hayden	1943	1946
Martha B. Mason	1943	1946

\*Robert G. Dean appointed to fill unexpired term of  
Louis P. Hayden.

\*Winfield C. Leavitt appointed to fill unexpired term  
of Daniel J. Lothrop.

### BOOK COMMITTEE

Martha B. Mason	Ada M. Wood
Jane Bartlett	Basil M. Soule

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Basil M. Soule

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## Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

We find that our circulation for the year remains about the

same as last year. We note, as do most libraries through the state a slightly smaller circulation of books due to the many persons working who do not have the leisure for reading, the changes in school hours and continued curtailment in use of cars. Our two voluntary branches, in the North End and in Jerusalem show a circulation of over 500 books for the year.

The improvements for the year were new shelves added in one of the smaller rooms.

We have had numerous gifts of books and several sets of books by standard authors.

A very splendid and beautiful addition is a book-case left to the Library by the late Mrs. Jane Thorpe Dunbar; also a panel picture illustrating a favorite poem written by Mrs. Dunbar.

The staff attended the Boston Book Fair and the Fall meeting of the Old Colony Library Club at North Plymouth.

Death has again taken one of our trustees, Mr. Daniel J. Lothrop, who became a trustee in 1911, and was elected chairman to succeed Rev. E. B. Maglathlin in November 1916.

We are also sorry to have the resignation from the Board of Trustees of Mr. Louis P. Hayden who has moved out of town.

The staff remains the same and will continue to serve to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN M. MURDOCK,  
Librarian.

## STATISTICS 1943

Circulation	
Adult Fiction	10,975
Adult Non-Fiction	2,088
Juvenile Books	7,860
Magazines	2,935
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	23,858
Books Added by Purchase—Adult	208
Books Added by Purchase—Juvenile	84
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	292
Books Added by Gifts	32
Sets Added by Gifts	4

## SCHOOL CIRCULATION 1943

Elementary Fiction	1,961
Elementary Non-Fiction	281
Magazines	22
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Total	2,264
Secondary Fiction	146
Secondary Non-Fiction	264
Magazines	20
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Total	430
Total Elementary	2,264
Total Secondary	430
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Total School	2,694

## NEW BOOKS ADDED DURING 1943

*Fiction*

Forest and the Fort	Allen
The Apostle	Asch
Love Comes Unseen	Ayers
Mr. Fortune Finds a Pig	H. C. Bailey
Washington U. S. A.	Baldwin
You Can't Escape	Baldwin
Anchorage	Bassett
Hills of Fear	Bechdolt
Mrs. Parkington	Bromfield
The Promise	Buck
Thorn Apple Tree	Campbell
Emperor's Snuff Box	Carr
Dunnybrook	Carroll
Lady in the Lake	Chandler
Saint Steps In	Charteris
Merrivales	Colver
Mr. Lincoln's Wife	Colver
David	Cooper
Golden Grain	Corbett
Borrowed Husband	Corliss
Good-bye, My Son	Coryn
Incorruptible	Coryn
Pink Umbrella	Crane
Night Attack	Crosby
Affair at the Boat Landing	Cunningham
Trail Boss	Dawson
Slade	Deeping
Johnny on the Spot	Dell
Winter's Tales	Dinesson
Hungry Hill	Du Maurier
Man Next Door	Eberhart



Brave in the Saddle	Ermine
Anger in the Sky	Ertz
Inconstant Flame	Estes
Citizen Tom Paine	Fast
Powder Valley Vengeance	Field
Sheriff on the Spot	Field
Colonel Effingham's Raid	Fleming
The Ship	Forester
Shining Trail	Fuller
This Is Murder, Mr. Jones	Fuller
Case of the Drowsy Mosquito	Gardner
Case of the Smoking Chimney	Gardner
Wings At My Window	Govan
Lonely Trail	Gregory
Wishing Star	Greig
Stairs of Sand	Grey
Paradise Street	Griffen
Tragedy at Law	Hare
Evergreen House	Hauck
Sweeter Woman	Hauck
A Woman Will or Won't	Hauck
Malta Epic	Hay
Action by Night	Haycox
Wild Bunch	Haycox
New Rivers Calling	Hendryx
Strange Doings at Halfday Creek	Hendryx
Spice Box	Hill
Sound of the Trumpet	Hill
Through These Fires	Hill
Story of Doctor Wassell	Hilton
For Those in Peril	Holton
Whole Heart	Howe
Circle in the Water	Hull
Centennial Summer	Idell

Happy Land	Kantor
Archibald the Great	Kelland
Jenny Devlin	Kerr
Also the Hills	Keyes
We Followed Our Hearts to Hollywood	Kimbrough
Affair of the Fainting Butler	C. Knight
Affair of the Jade Monkey	C. Knight
Lassie—Come—Home	E. Knight
Trade Mark of a Traitor	K. Knight
Gideon Planish	Lewis
Bradshaws of Harness	Lincoln
Moscow Mystery	Litvinof
Death Came Softly	Lorac
When Hearts Are Young Again	Loring
Wild Lilac	Miller
Crimson Quirt	MacDonald
The Weir	Moore
Rebel Ranger	MacDonald
So Little Time	Marquand
Wall of Eyes	Miller
Vanishing Gun Slinger	MacDonald
Hunter's Moon	Miller
Color Scheme	Marsh
Dominie's Daughter	McCord
Great Smith	E. Marshall
But Gently Day	Nathan
Corner of Heaven	Norris
Journal for Josephine	Nathan
Mr. Mirakel	Oppenheim
Cat's Claw	Olsen
My Friend Flicka	O'Hara
Thunderhead	O'Hara
Someone to Remember	Potts
When Lights Go Up Again	Patterson

Blackout in Gretly	Priestly
Daylight on Saturday	Priestly
There Was An Old Woman	Queen
Grizzley Meadows	Robertson
Hell and High Water	Raine
Cheyne of the Rocking K	Rodney
Winter Harbor	Richmond
Drinkers of the Wind	Raswan
Mr. Wickers War	Rose
c/o Postmaster	St. George
Human Comedy	Saroyan
Bright Banners	Seifert
Certain Doctor French	Seifert
Airing in a Closed Carriage	Shearing
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Smith
Rebel of Ronde Valley	Snow
Renegade Ranger	Snow
Taps for Private Tussie	Stuart
Kate Fennigate	Tarkington
Going, Going, Gone	Taylor
Dawn's Early Light	Thane
Accessory After the Fact	Thayer
Hanging's Too Good	Thayer
Border Bonanza	Tompkins
Hidden Blood	Tuttle
Monkey	Waley (Trans.)
Corpse By Any Other Name	Walling
Katherine Christian	Walpole
Indigo	Weston
Tall in the Saddle	Young

*Non-Fiction*

My War With Japan	Alcott
Under a Lucky Star	Andrews

Flying Furies	Ayling
Naturalist at Large	Barbour
Western Star	Benet
Pilot Bails Out	Blanding
Suez to Singapore	Brown
What America Means to Me	Buck
The Saint John	Cabell
Under Cover	Carlson
Moscoe Dateline	Cassidy
16 Famous British Plays	Cerf
All We Are and All We Have	Chiang-Kai-Shek
We Chinese Women	Mme. Chiang-Kai-Shek
Primer for America	Coffin
Cartoon Cavalcade	Craven
Connecticut Yankee	Cross
Journey Among Warriors	Curie
Sense of Humus	Damon
Kaiser Wakes the Doctors	de Kruif
Grow Your Own Vegetables	Dempsey
Treasury of World's Finest Folk Song	Deutsch
Kansas Irish	Driscoll
Practical Book of Chinaware	Eberhart
Good Times at Your Picnic	Fisher
Mama's Bank Account	Forbes
On Being a Real Person	Fosdick
Come In	Frost
Three Times I Bow	Glick
Report From Tokyo	Grew
The Chicago	Hansen
Malta Epic	Hay
Basic Mathematics	Hart
Little Locksmith	Hathaway
George Washington Carver	Holt
Map of My Country (Poetry)	Holmes
Prologue to New England	Howe
Young Lady Randolph	Kraus

30 Seconds Over Tokyo	Lawson
Between Tears and Laughter	Lin Yutang
Wisdom of China and India	Lin Yutang
Leaves from an Old Washington Diary	Lomax
Your Child's Food	Lowenberg
Heathen Days	Mencken
Yankee Prince (Geo. M. Cohan)	Morehouse
The Humbolt	Morgan
Excuse My Dust	Partridge
Giants Gone	Poole
In the Chinese Garden	Powell
Here Is Your War	Pyle
Seven Came Through	Rickenbacker
Harriet	Ryerson
Combined Operations	Saunders
Burma Surgeon	Seagrave
Between the Thunder and the Sun	Sheean
Sailing Down Boston Bay	Snow
Music For All of Us	Stokowski
Chicken Every Sunday	Taylor
Men, Women, and Dogs (Cartoon)	Thurber
Yankee Lawyer	Train
Clerical Errors	Tucker
Private Secretary's Manual	Turner
Thomas Jefferson	Van Loon
One Man's Meat	White
Skin of the Teeth	Wilder
Twin Rivers	Wilder
Fundamentals of Electricity	Willard
One World	Wilkie
Long, Long Ago	Wolcott
Outdoor Life Encyclopedia	
Dewey Decimal System	
Lincoln Library of Essential Information	

## REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

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Work of the Department was very much curtailed during the year 1943 due to conditions brought on by the war.

There was a small amount of new construction with only four new services being installed. Many of the old services were cleaned and repaired.

Due to present government regulations, it is impossible for the Water Department to make any new extensions without first getting the government's approval.

The equipment of the Water Department remains in good condition at the close of the year, and there is a reasonable supply of tools on hand.



## **REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE**

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No greater service since the inception of the Extension Service has been rendered Plymouth County towns than in 1943. Under wartime conditions the County Agricultural Agents, Home Demonstration Agents, and 4-H Club Agents of our county office have contributed heavily to the wonderful record of production. The past year has seen thousands of new producers of food influenced in many ways directly or indirectly by County Aid to Agriculture. A great tribute is due the farmers of America for their part in this war effort. The greatest production in history was achieved under the most severe handicaps.

In addition to the Food Production and Preservation program, other new responsibilities fell on our Extension Service. Assignments of the United States Department of Agriculture in handling programs affecting rural people have had a definite influence in the conduct of the farm business and home. A few of these follow: U.S.D.A. War Board, Farm Labor Program, Farm Rationing, cooperation with the Office of Price Administration, Farm Transportation, Priorities information, War Production Board assistance, and Selective Service help in reporting over five hundred cases for agricultural deferment.

All members of the Extension Staff devoted an increasing amount of time in 1943 to the promotion of production and preservation of food, with particular emphasis on home food production.

Carrying out the Governor's state-wide request, the local Extension Service assumed the responsibility of setting up Food Production and Preservation Committees in each town of Plymouth County. These committees were made up of representatives from various town organizations. Some of their important functions included: arranging for mass meetings on gardening and canning, setting up information centers, making arrangements for plowing, and conducting Victory Harvest Fairs.

The County Extension Staff assisted the local committees by conducting meetings, making soil tests, preparing newspaper articles and circular letters. Hundreds of home gardeners were given help by telephone, office calls or garden visits. The agents worked with local committees in arranging for the harvest fairs.

The work accomplished by these committees was a real contribution to the war effort. It is believed that the experience gained along these lines in 1943 will be invaluable to a still greater food production program in 1944. Tribute is due the Town Committee members for their valuable work.

The agricultural agents' wartime program has been a flexible one in an attempt to do the most important assignments with the many other new responsibilities delegated these agents. The Farm Labor Program assigned to the Extension Service for direction and administration on May 1, though difficult, has proven of considerable success. Evidence of this may be found from the fact that 614 farm recruits were found and placed on farms during the year. Grave critical needs for permanent dairy and poultry help is still a major problem. Commodity educational programs were conducted for dairymen, poultrymen, fruit, vegetable, and cranberry growers, forestry products, and general livestock producers. By the guidance of commodity committees in each of these industries, the agricultural agents have shaped their educational program plans. As usual, all request farm visits

have been fulfilled as promptly and efficiently as wartime conditions have allowed.

Conservation was the general theme of the Home Department in 1943. Meetings were conducted in many towns on the care and repair of home furnishings and equipment. Homemakers also received help along the lines of nutrition and food buying in war time, and renovation of clothing. Nearly 2,500 women attended the 111 canning demonstrations which were held during the summer. These included demonstrations on canning vegetables, fruits, chicken, fish, and meat. From reports received, it would seem that these same women canned 445,000 jars of food—a sizable contribution to the winter's food supply. Information was also given on other methods of food preservation and home storage.

The 4-H Department set as its goal for 1943 "More Food Production and Preservation Club Members". The goal was reached, for the enrollment was 1,100 in 1942 and 1,800 in 1943. It is estimated that 20,825 jars were canned by 4-H canning club members, much of the food being produced at home by the members and their families.

It is desired that the garden project be a year-round project, and in one instance, meetings are being held throughout the winter. This gives the members an opportunity to plan their gardens and discuss their problems before the busy planting season arrives.

Emphasis has been placed on conservation, and the results have been most satisfactory. In spite of shortages, the members have continued with their various winter projects—Home Furnishings, Handicraft, Clothing—making something new from something old whenever possible.

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

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To the members of the Board of Public Welfare:

The town of West Bridgewater together with the town of Hanson has jointly sponsored a Child Welfare Service program which was put into operation in November 1943.

Child Welfare Services is a subdivision of the Division of Child Guardianship of the Department of Public Welfare in the State of Massachusetts. Through the use of Federal funds supplied by the United States Children's Bureau the presence of a children's worker has been made possible. Her primary purpose is to give special services to children whose individual difficulties or home conditions need special attention. These services are given without regard to legal residence or economic status and although the worker is appointed by the Board of Public Welfare those who avail themselves of this service have no direct contact with the local Board of Public Welfare. The worker has a separate office in the Town Hall and is directly responsible to the Boards of Public Welfare but receives additional supervision from the District Consultant of Child Welfare Services.

In this wartime period it is hoped that much can be accomplished in the way of preventing the development of delinquency and other problems arising out of the war. However, this new service aims to help those parents and children who wish help with their problems and it works without the use of authority or pressure. An attempt is made to help parents solve their difficulties in the way they themselves feel will be most satisfactory for their **children**.

The Child Welfare Service worker hopes that during the coming year all those interested and concerned in the well-being of any child will feel free to consult her. If the problem appears to be one in which she can help or secure the help of others, a study will be made of the child and his needs on which to base the type of service which will be most effective. Past experience in other towns has shown that the most numerous referrals come from the following sources: the town officials, school department, physicians, Chief of Police, Board of Health, clergy, neighbors, relatives and parents themselves.

The Child Welfare Service Workers have been trained to work with the children who show in their home, school, or play life varying degrees of maladjustment and inability to get along well with others. To be more specific, this would include the child who shows difficulty in first, personality adjustments—he may be shy, timid, fearless, friendless or lacking in initiative; second, the child who shows habit-formation traits—he may show masturbation or speech disorders; third, the child who shows difficulty in behavior—he may fight, lie, steal, truant or resist authority; fourth, the child who shows inability to work up to capacity—the child with superior intelligence who may be doing only average or below average work or the child with average intelligence who might be failing, etc.

The above types of behavior are symptomatic of the fact that something is going wrong in the life of the individual child. If the Child Welfare Service worker has the opportunity of reaching those children when the first symptoms of what may be serious disorders appear she may be able to prevent the demoralization of their environment and the breakdown of their home life. It is hoped that this service can be of benefit to those children who have begun to develop personality and behavior problems and who can yet be saved from the painful experience of

removal from all that means security to them in terms of family, church, school and friends.

Insuring the welfare of all children has always been a recognized concern of democracy and is especially a challenge to America today. The needs of children are many and the special services that have been devised to meet these needs are gladly supported by our citizens from both public and private funds. The Child Welfare Service worker will attempt to insure, in particular, the welfare of all the children in West Bridgewater and hopes that the year 1944 will be a happy one for many local children.

I would like to extend my gratitude at this time to all who have cooperated in the organizing of this program in this community and especially to the members of the Board of Public Welfare and to the School Department.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULINE F. MURRAY





**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**AND**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
**OF THE TOWN OF**  
**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
**FOR THE YEAR**  
**1943**

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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### MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clare E. Parker, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Lloyd P. Tyrer	Term expires 1944
Sherman H. Perkins	Term expires 1944
James A. Kehoe	Term expires 1945
Roger F. Tracy	Term expires 1945
A. Philip Erbeck	Term expires 1946

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles G. Taylor

Office: Howard High School      Telephone Brockton 5094  
Residence: 135 North Elm St.      Telephone Brockton 2221-W

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Adolor O. Belmore, M. D.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lillian M. Hewitt

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Douglas Eaton

### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1944

Winter Term	January 3 to February 18, inclusive
Spring Term	February 28 to April 14, inclusive
Summer Term	April 24 to June 16, inclusive
Fall Term	September 6 to December 22, inclusive

## SCHOOLS CLOSED ON

May 30—for Memorial Day

October 12—for Columbus Day

October 20—for Teachers Convention

November 22 (at noon) 23, 24—Thanksgiving Holidays

## SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 1, 1943

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Center	20	15	22	26	29	33	41	40	226
Sunset Avenue	18	17	12	11	19	12	17	15	121
Cochesett	12	7	11	10	14				54
Matfield	7	5	8						20
Jerusalem	10	2	2	3	3	3			21
Totals	67	46	56	50	65	45	58	55	442
					IX	X	XI	XII	Total
High School					58	48	42	43	191
Total—High and Elementary									633

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Expenditures 1943	Estimated 1944
1. Administration	3808.44	3840.00
2. Instruction		
Salaries	34419.60	37000.00
Books and Supplies	3032.39	2800.00
3. Operation		
Janitors	3062.65	2930.00
Fuel	1590.18	2300.00
Supplies	185.59)	
Light	425.72)	800.00

	Gas	101.60)	
	Water	111.13	
	High School		2000.00
4.	Maintenance	1679.56	1800.00
5.	Auxiliary Agencies		
	Library	55.50	100.00
	Health	1367.80	1400.00
	Tuition	173.20	200.00
	Transportation	3124.55	3090.00
	Miscellaneous	125.86	140.00
6.	Vocational Education	204.53	600.00
	Grand Total	53468.30	59000.00
	Appropriation	53470.00	
	Balance	1.70	
Reimbursements:			
	On account of Superintendent's		
	Salary and Transportation		1288.87
	Part I, Chapter 70		5452.50
	Vocational Education		360.89
	State and City Ward Tuition		931.80
			8034.06
	Total Expenditures		53468.30
	Total Reimbursements		8034.06
	Net Operation Cost to the Town		
	for 1943		45434.24

## Household Arts

Balance from 1942	75.27
Federal Grant (George-Deen Funds)	1679.73
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Total	1755.00
Expended	1130.00
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Balance (Available for 1944)	625.00

## TO THE CITIZENS OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

The past year has seen a continued adjustment in our schools to war time conditions. New courses and activities directly due to the war have been instituted, but *the basic educational offerings are being maintained and improved.*

In the high school are included courses in those subjects particularly needed by the armed forces of our country. The program in physical education and athletics has been in effect for a little over a year and our school physician already reports a notable improvement in the physical condition of our boys and girls. Great interest in athletics is noted both in the student body and townspeople.

The sale of War Bonds and Stamps, salvage drives, Junior Red Cross and other activities are being carried on in a noteworthy manner. Teachers and pupils in all our schools are to be highly commended for the fine results which have been achieved.

## TEACHER PROBLEM

For the second successive year there has been a greater than normal change in our teaching staff. We feel, however, that our present staff is maintaining a high standard of instruction. The committee hopes that the new salary schedule put into effect a year ago will be a factor in holding further changes to a min-



imum. The town must, however, realize that we cannot compete with salary scales of the larger towns and cities.

### REPAIRS

Your committee has continued and will continue its policy of maintaining school buildings in as good physical condition as possible. Painting and repairs at the Sunset Avenue School took a large part of the 1943 repair appropriation. More work must be done in this school this year as well as painting at Cochesett and Jerusalem Schools.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPERATION

For many years our town has been fortunate in that the maintainance and operating costs of the Howard High School have been furnished by the Howard Fund, the town paying the costs of instruction.

The committee was informed early this winter by the Howard Fund Trustees that because of smaller income from invested funds full support would not be available for 1944. After several meetings with the trustees, board of selectmen and finance committee, we feel the town should assume part of the expense for 1944; our part not to exceed \$2000.00. This amount is included in the school budget as "High School Operation".

### POST WAR PLANNING

It is the feeling of the present school committee that serious consideration should be given to post war planning for modern school facilities. We believe that the committee appointed by the town to study the school housing situation has been active.

Your committee believes that cooperation among all groups, school committee, parents, townspeople in general, teachers and pupils, leads to a maximum of educational service to the com-

munity. We recommend and encourage such meetings as Parent-Teachers, parent nights, public exhibits and individual meetings between the home and the teacher. We also call to your attention that a part of each school committee meeting is an open meeting which interested citizens are cordially invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE E. PARKER, Chairman  
LLOYD P. TYRER  
SHERMAN H. PERKINS  
JAMES A. KEHOE  
ROGER F. TRACY  
A. PHILIP ERBECK

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Gentlemen:

This year has seen a stabilizing of the schools under war conditions. A year ago we were in the process of introducing new subjects and activities into the program of the school. Today we find that activities and procedures have settled into a war time pattern. In general it would seem that the schools have been strengthened rather than harmed. Basic subject matter has been maintained in the elementary schools and added to in the high school.

For years the program of the high school has tended to broaden as more and more boys and girls remained in school. The present war situation has emphasized the need in many cases for a greater understanding of applied mathematics and applied science. The report of the principal, which follows, gives a good picture of how the high school has strengthened its curriculum.

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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit my annual report as Principal of Howard High School.

The year has been characterized by the insistent demand that the secondary schools go "all out for victory". In heeding

this demand there are certain considerations which could not be overlooked. That education for victory should be the primary, immediate objective of the high school cannot be denied. Nevertheless, education must take into account in its secondary school program that all of its youths will be projected into a post-war world the complexity of which defies full comprehension.

A war time program, therefore, must necessarily begin with the preservation of those fundamentals of education which will assure for every boy and girl a strong basic training for life, whether it be in time of war or peace. Built upon this as a foundation, the program should be expanded and developed to meet war needs just as far as local conditions of costs, teachers, and equipment facilities will permit.

Our colleges have long been the custodians of our cultural heritage, and since the needs of war have stripped most of them of much of their cultural content it becomes more evident that the secondary school should retain as much of its cultural content as possible. It must aim to bring about the development of its students as individuals, and to give them the power to adjust themselves adequately to the social order of which they are a part.

The principles set forth in the preceding paragraphs have predominated in shaping the school's program. This has made changes necessary, many of which I shall now enumerate.

The field of greatest activity in the school is the curriculum. In grade 9, general science has been added to the list of English, Civics, and Physical Education as subjects required of all students. Household Arts and Shop have been made available to all students except those enrolled in the college curriculum, and algebra or general mathematics is required of all pupils. Plane geometry is now offered every year instead of being alternated

with second-year algebra which now comes as a half-year course in grade 12. A pre-induction course in physics, dealing principally with fundamentals of machines and fundamentals of electricity, as recommended by the War Department, has been added for non-college juniors and seniors as well as a new course of social studies for all juniors. In the commercial curriculum a pre-bookkeeping course was introduced in grade 10, and bookkeeping I and II were moved one year ahead to grades 11<sup>\*</sup> and 12 respectively. Shop for sophomores has been increased to 9 periods per week.

These revisions are not measures necessarily born wholly of the war emergency. As a matter of fact, like the introduction of physical education last year, these changes were coming anyway, and were accelerated by the war time focusing of attention upon them.

The sale of war stamps and bonds has progressed unusually well. Sponsored by the Student Council, the school, during the period from September to Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, over-subscribed its quota by selling \$3264.55 worth of stamps and bonds. This amount was sufficient to purchase one original jeep, and one amphibian jeep. For this fine achievement and for over 90% participation by the students, the school not only received a citation from the Treasury Department in Washington, but it has earned the right to fly the Treasury Minute Man Flag.

In the collection of tin cans the school is doing a noteworthy job. This activity, also sponsored by the Student Council, has been enlivened by novel assembly programs presented by the salvage committee.

In cooperation with the man-power labor shortage the students of the school have made sizeable contributions. Much time and energy has been expended in arranging pupils' schedules so

as to enable them to do both their school work and engage in outside employment. Over 100 pupils are engaged in various forms of outside employment including war production and farm work. Fifty-six different pupils have been dismissed 1, 2, or 3 periods early, and 18 have been dismissed 20 minutes early in order to make bus connections. These arrangements have not only resulted in aid to the local labor situation, but they have placed our boys and girls in fairer competition with students from other schools. Pupils are granted early dismissal privileges for outside employment only as long as they continue to do satisfactory school work.

Contrary to expectations that the enrollment of school would decline appreciably due to the labor shortage 191 students were registered on October 1, 1943, as against 191 at the same time in 1942. These figures reflect well the feeling in the community that a high school education is far more valuable than the earning of a few dollars now, when most any one with the will to work can find profitable employment.

The amendment to the Selective Service Act in November, 1942, which resulted in the drafting of 18-20 year-old boys, did not apply to any members of the class of 1943 before graduation. The coming year, however, will see serious inroads into the male members of the class of 1944. To any student entering the armed forces of the United States a diploma will be granted provided he enters the military service between February 1 and the close of the school year, and that he completes his basic training, and also, at the time of induction he shall be passing in sufficient credits to qualify for graduation in June under normal conditions.

One of the most active organizations in the school is the Student Council. This group, composed of representatives of the student body, are earnest, sincere, and serious in their delibera-



tions. Among their activities is the direction of the sale of war stamps and bonds. The Council started the campaign by dedicating a booth for the purpose of the sale. Its leadership has resulted in the school's being privileged to fly the Minute Man Flag. The Council has planned and supervised the salvage of tin cans, conducted the sale of Athletic Association memberships, raised money for school activities by running the annual magazine drive, organized cheering for basketball games, and purchased an honor roll for former students now in military service.

The work in the physical education department continues to be carried on with unusual success. This work as well as that done in the household arts department has been covered in reports of other years.

Other activities discussed in previous reports, and still functioning well, are athletics, senior class play, one-act plays, operator's club, press club, the Girl's League, and "The Climber".

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, the School Committee, the Howard Trustees, the teachers, and other friends for the loyal and generous support given me.

Respectfully submitted,

NILS G. LINDELL,  
Principal.

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### ACTIVITIES

The prosecution of the war has made many non-scholastic activities necessary. These call for the expenditure of much time, energy and thought on the part of teachers and pupils. Out of these activities, however, is coming a lesson in citizenship

that would be hard to attain in any other way. It is an easy matter to talk about citizenship in theory and to study it. The present situation provides an opportunity for our boys and girls to practice it. From it all will come qualities of citizenship and character so much needed in the world today. It is interesting to note, too, that interest and accomplishment in the basic school work increases as the school becomes more a part of the every day life of the community. To illustrate what is being done in the schools today, Miss Kett, as principal of the Center School, has written a description of the activities there.

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Dear Sir:

Educators have long since recognized the need of developing self-responsibility in children. War, with its insistent demand for adult labor inevitably resulting in many homes being bereft of parental care, has emphasized this need. Therefore, teachers are doing everything in their power to help pupils shoulder the burdens thus forced upon them.

One way to develop self-responsibility in a boy or girl is to give him a job. It is important that this job fit the maturity of the child, for the whole organization suffers if he is not capable of performing it.

In the Center School, therefore, beginning with the first grade, the pupil is given his little job to do, such as, taking care of the seatwork, caring for the clay, or putting the chairs in place. As the pupil grows older his responsibility increases, until in grade eight, under the guidance of his teachers, he has become increasingly responsible for a smooth running school and playground.

The duties for which he is responsible include: ringing the

school bell; taking the room attendance each day; ordering and delivering the milk; collecting the money and balancing the accounts; taking charge of the supply room and filling the teachers' orders; and answering the telephone. In carrying out these and the many other duties, the pupil learns self reliance, courtesy, and that someone else suffers if he forgets or neglects to do his job.

Recognizing his responsibility to his school makes a child more conscious of his responsibility to his town, state or nation. Center School pupils have shown they recognize these greater responsibilities in the work they have done through their Victory Clubs. The pupils organize their own clubs, with a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and many committees. Under the guidance of their Salvage Committee the Center School has collected, since September, 1789 pounds of paper, 437 pounds of tin cans, 40 pounds of rubber, 140 pounds of fat, 79 pounds of iron and 200 pounds of rags. The Red Cross Committee was responsible for the Victory Club's sharing Christmas with fifteen boys at sea. Fifteen boxes were filled and wrapped for the Seamen's Institute of New York. Through these clubs the pupils feel they have a share in this war. Restlessness and confusion result only when the war is viewed as something apart; not when children are given the opportunity to have a share in it and a chance to help.

It is my hope, that the things learned here, may carry over into community life. The responsibility will be different but the manner of handling, the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN F. KETT,  
Principal.

## HOME AND SCHOOL

One of the most fundamentally important factors in the value of a school to the community is the cooperative relationship existing between teachers and parents. The primary interest of both the school and the home is the same thing, child development. The home sees the child in the small family group; the school sees him as a member of a relatively large group of children his own age. If the parent and the teacher can meet on an informal friendly basis each can help the other in performing successfully this greatest of all jobs.

Miss Blanchard, in her report of the Cochesett School, emphasizes the importance she attaches to an understanding co-operation between the home and the school.

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Dear Sir:

When the school year began on September 8th, there were fifty-four energetic girls and boys eager to commence their year's work.

New text books in spelling, reading, history, geography and music have been obtained.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOL

1. The pupils are taking an active part in the collection of tin cans.

2. For some years the school has been teaching thrift. This is now greatly aided by the need for purchasing War Saving Stamps. From September 8th, to December 31, 1943 the school has purchased \$112.40 worth of stamps. We are determined not to let the Minute Man Flag be lowered because of our inability

to obtain the 90% each month necessary to keep it proudly flying.

3. 95% of the pupils brought in pennies for the Junior Red Cross.

4. The pupils in grades four and five are each enthusiastic to receive an honor certificate in reading.

5. 4-H Clubs Organized.

(a) Girls: Mrs. Marion Lukaweski in charge and Mrs. Russell Willis, assistant. President, Faith Cummings.

(b) Boys: Miss Ruth Blanchard in charge and Mrs. Warren Turner, assistant. President, Anthony Zeuli.

I have become acquainted with some member of each family in grades three through five either by the parents calling at school or my visiting in the homes. I have found the parents very cooperative and most interested in each of their own particular problems.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BLANCHARD,

Principal.

### INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

The West Bridgewater teachers recognize the need for individualized instruction and guidance. Every effort is being made to analyze each pupil's needs and to provide him with the type of instruction needed.

The achievement tests given each spring are invaluable in analyzing group and individual needs. There is a chart for each

pupil on which is plotted his achievement year by year. In this way a pupil's progress can be watched. Also his special weaknesses are made obvious, so that special help can be given wherever the need is shown.

To illustrate the attention paid to this important activity in all the schools, Mrs. Miller, in her report that follows, discusses the procedure at Sunset Avenue School.

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Dear Sir:

During the past two years special attention has been paid to the needs of the individual child, especially his reading in the lower grades.

Pupils develop at different rates of speed, hence they are not all ready for a particular reader at the same time. Because of this fact, each teacher has several reading groups according to the particular needs of the pupils. In this way all pupils proceed at their best rate of speed, thereby laying a foundation for successful achievement.

Extra learning materials are provided for those pupils who work somewhat faster than other members of the class, and in this way there may be greater breadth to their achievement. Hence, all pupils are kept working to the greatest extent of their abilities.

Respectfully submitted,

THERESA MILLER,  
Principal.



## TEACHERS

There have been eight teacher changes in the past year, the same as a year ago. Four of the changes were for professional improvement, two in order to teach near home, and two to maintain homes.

Arthur Frellick resigned to become principal of the high school at Princeton, Massachusetts. Miss Liette Morin is now teaching in Walpole. George Roy is now a principal in Bridgewater. Miss Clarice Weeden is teaching in Brookline. Roger Jones returned to Old Orchard, Maine to teach there. Miss Helen Paul is teaching in West Boylston and living at home. Mrs. Wilmar Armer and Mrs. Myrtle Ryan resigned to maintain their homes.

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## WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

Health is an important factor in a child's success. Any child who is not up to par physically finds it difficult to give the attention and concentration necessary. A thorough physical check-up should be made before a child enters school and any defects remedied. The Well Child Conference, held each summer for pre-school children, provides a fine opportunity for such a checkup. At this time there is available a doctor, a dentist and a nutritionist provided by the State Department of Health. As this is a conference, no prescribing is done. However, the child is examined, after which the findings are discussed with the parents, and, if necessary, recommendations made for consultation with the family physician.

The reports of the School Physician and School Nurse discuss in detail the health conditions in the schools.

Dear Sir:

The annual physical examinations were completed in October. Notices were sent to 273 parents notifying them of defects.

The posture should be improved, also the feet showed that corns begin early, short shoes causing large joints. Three were found with athletes foot, three flatfooted, and three were referred to the Orthopedic clinic. Whooping cough was prevalent among older children. We experienced an epidemic of a contagious rash as in 1942, without serious results. One in five had grippe occurring about Christmas.

A diphtheria Toxoid clinic was held under direction of the Board of Health. I immunized 47 children assisted by your school nurse.

A busy year closes without fatalities and in concluding may I assure you that your cooperation was appreciated as well as Mrs. Hewitt's faithful assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BELMORE, M. D.,  
School Physician.

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Dear Sir:

I herewith present my annual report.

The examinations given the pupils each year by the school physician bring to light various defects that we try to remedy by notifying parents and with follow up home visits, referring to family doctors, also clinics. Medical attention and transportation to clinics is difficult. Absorption from chronic diseased tonsils and

defective teeth is called focal infection and is a contributing cause to rheumatic fever which affects the heart. Fatalities from heart disease out number all other causes of death. About one percent of New England school children have rheumatic heart disease.

Examinations conducted by Selective Service Boards revealed that many defects causing rejections were defects which could have been prevented if corrected earlier in life. The responsibility of the health of the child rests with the parent. There is a demand that more attention be given to training students in physical fitness as preparation for service and essential war work. Therefore it is fitting that we begin early training in health habits. With many parents working it is even more important that teachers check on health and inquire about lunches, sleeping, and other body needs. Kitchen space in the schools should be provided for the preparation of some hot dish to supplement lunches brought from home.

Early in the Fall all teachers attended three workshop meetings on Health Teaching by Miss Jean Latimer, Co-ordinator of Health Teaching from the Division of Child Hygiene. Health text books were provided and each teacher has planned a teaching unit for her pupils' needs. Miss Latimer was most interesting.

A total of 47 children were immunized at the Toxoid Clinic conducted by Dr. Belmore for the Board of Health assisted by the Nurse.

Dr. Edmund Tobin, dentist, examined all children including the 8th grade. 90 pupils were treated at the Dental Clinic: 287 operations were completed; one third were treated by their family dentist; many are without treatment. At present most families can afford private dental care if they make an effort.

Through the pre-school clinic we were able to have more entering pupils with dental caries treated.

The use of the Audiometer from the Plymouth County Health Association was not possible this year, therefore teachers have had to resort to the old method of testing hearing which is very unsatisfactory. It is hoped sometime we may secure our own Audiometer.

Report of School Physician's findings during annual examination:

Howard High School:

Examined: 191

Defects:

Teeth 25

Heart 2

Tonsils 9

Acne 6

Feet 3

Asthma .3

Elementary Schools:

Examined: 431

Defects:

Teeth 32

Heart 1

Tonsils 70

Ears 6

Feet 8

Eyes 8

Referred to orthopedic clinic—3.

We are about to begin our clinic at the High School for chest X-Ray and tuberculin test. Our aim is to include every one. A great deal of importance is stressed on Tuberculosis in industry today.

The Well Child Conference was conducted by a medical unit headed by Dr. Coffin of the Division of Hygiene.

As a result:

77 children were examined June 25-28.

65 families were contacted among which were 3 sets of twins.

Number to enter school, 23; number of infants, 19.

Number of pre-school, 34; number of mothers, 58.

Repeaters, 12. No fathers were present.

Total needing attention:

Medical	17	Orthopedic	3
Dental	27	Eyes	6
Nutrition	11	Heart	5
Throat defects	10	Ears	0
Toxoid needed	10	X-Rays	2
Vaccination	54	Referred to	
		Clinic	3

Since the clinic:

95 home calls have been made by me, with the following results:

Received dental care	23
Immunized for diphtheria	5
Tonsils removed	4
Eyes examined	4
Treated at Orthopedic Clinic	1
Vaccinated	23
Immunized for Whooping Cough	6
Treated at Children's Hospital	1
Chest X-Rayed	2

Eating habits are improved and there is a better understanding of nutrition.

Medical treatment was secured in every case where accidents occurred. Whenever possible children ill were taken home. Numerous home visits were made. Referred several cases to the S.P.C.C. for investigation. One case was prosecuted for neglect.

Consultations were held with the school physician and teachers whenever complaints were made. Seven children entering school who were immature were examined for aptitude.

Public Health Nurses' conferences were attended.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. HEWITT, R. N.,  
School Nurse.

### FINE ARTS

Drawing and music are traditional subjects in any school system. In West Bridgewater the elementary teachers are responsible for their own instruction in drawing, as there is no art supervisor. At the Center School, Miss Postle is in charge of the drawing, for grades 6, 7, and 8. There is no art or drawing in high school.

The singing in the schools is under the general direction of Mrs. Snow. At the Center School there is a small class in instrumental music that meets once a week under the instruction of Mr. Myron Thomas. It is unfortunate the class is not larger as the opportunity for instruction is excellent. Mrs. Smith, at the Center School, is organizing an orchestra to carry on the fine beginning last year under Mr. Roy. In the high school Mr. Gardner is directing the orchestra, replacing Mrs. Hayward, who is not available this year.

The report of the music supervisor follows:

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as Music Supervisor in the West Bridgewater public schools.



Grades I and II learned many rote songs and later noted the number of phrases in many of these and recognized the repetition of similar motives and figures. The next step was the application of syllables by rote. It is extremely important that these early rote songs be taught correctly. These, learned first through EAR training, must be accurate in tonal relationship in preparation for the application of the syllables and later for EYE training from staff notation. These steps follow one another so closely great care should be exercised in correct presentation.

The child is taught to use light, head tones and never to allow himself to sing with a harsh, reedy quality. This applies not only during the music lesson but at all times when he sings. Teachers are requested to observe this and to insist upon it.

Simple board work in scale and in tonic chord drill are taught early in the second year and book study of songs is begun after the Christmas holidays. Individual attention is given to the "Listeners" and the number in this group is decreased as the child finds his singing voice.

Grades III and IV have much specific drill in theory. This includes time problems, the effect of sharp, flat, and cancel, the singing of chromatics and writing from dictation. The plan of work is to sing, recognize visually, and to write many of the problems in theory as progress is made by the class. These grades at the Sunset Avenue school have done a fine piece of work. They have adhered strictly to requirements, the conduct of class lesson is orderly and the pupils take pride in having done a task well.

The upper grades have learned songs in two and three parts and where the boys' voices have changed to bass a fourth is sometimes added. The song books used upstairs at Cochesett

and in the fifth and sixth grades at Sunset Avenue have a great deal of music from the European countries, countries that have been brought very close to us since the war. Interesting discussions have been had on how we came to know and have this material, the style and subject matter of the text. A better understanding and appreciation of the habits and customs of these peoples may be thus gained and more meaning put into the songs.

The two upper grades at the Center, in one choral group, have done splendid work. There was and is good music ability in this class and a fine volunteer spirit. Three of the boys worked out a pleasing "skit" of "Short'nin' Bread" and presented it to the other pupils. Small groups have sung selections, individuals have played and sung solos. Several requests have come to the supervisor for presenting an operetta and this is very worth while work both from the stand point of the students and the public. But it has not seemed feasible with so short a noon time and with fewer music periods than formerly.

In the High School the chorus continues to maintain a goodly membership. An operetta would be stimulating and would be received with enthusiasm. Such a project would have to be supported by others outside of the music department, since it would be necessary for some one to take charge of the speaking parts, the costuming, the scenery. This of course presents difficulties in finding the time since everyone is so busy these days. However, it is well to bear in mind and to do what seems best when the opportunity is at hand.

A selected group from the chorus sang two songs Parents' Night. At the present time the chorus is made up of students joining the music class because they are deeply interested, those that just like to sing, and those who have time to spare and need extra credit. With such mixed interests it is not possible to do the best type of work. Some consideration should be given those

first mentioned and an opportunity for them to attain and appreciate a higher standard in this cultural and socializing art.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS J. SNOW,  
Supervisor of Music.

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### PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Since September of a year ago six teachers and the superintendent have taken professional courses. The School Committee recognizes the importance of professional improvement and has included in its salary schedule incentives for such by the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. TAYLOR,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## Commencement Exercises

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CLASS OF 1943  
HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL  
Howard Hall, June sixteen  
at eight o'clock

### CLASS OFFICERS

President	Franklin Davio
Vice President	Rena Rossi
Secretary	Natalie Hambly
Treasurer	William Browne

Motto—"What you are to be you are now becoming"

Class Colors—Blue and White

Class Flower—Carnation

### PROGRAM

1. Processional  
Howard High School Orchestra
2. Invocation  
Reverend Thomas F. Devlin
3. The Star Spangled Banner  
Audience
4. Address—Making the Best of the Worst  
Thomas S. Roy, D. D.
5. Music—La Czarine  
Howard High School Chorus

Louis Ganne

6. Presentation of Class Gift  
Franklin Davio  
President of Class of 1943
7. Acceptance for School  
Aaron Kalaijian  
President of Class of 1944
8. Presentation of Awards  
Good Citizen Certificate  
Washington and Franklin Certificate  
Class of 1942 Scholarship  
William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard  
Scholarship  
Principal Nils G. Lindell
9. Music—Chaconne  
Howard High School Orchestra  
Augusta Durand
10. Presentation of Diplomas  
Mr. Clare Parker  
Chairman of School Committee
11. Class Ode  
Class of 1943  
Ellen L. Brown
12. Benediction  
Reverend Thomas F. Devlin
13. Recessional  
Howard High School Orchestra

#### CLASS ODE

Dear Howard High School,  
We bid you farewell now;  
Farewell to the four years  
We've spent with you.

And to our teachers,  
 Whose patience and courage  
 Have guided us onward,  
 We bid adieu.

Out in the wide world  
 We now must travel;  
 To start life's journey  
 With hopes and fears.

These happy days here  
 We ne-er shall forget them;  
 These memories we'll treasure  
 Through all the years.

Ellen L. Brown

## GRADUATES

Marguerite Lucy Barros  
 Gladys E. Bergstrom  
 Ellen Louise Brown  
 William John Browne, Jr.  
 Russell Bump  
 Santina Marie Carbone  
 Barbara Jean Cook  
 Mildred Elsie Copeland  
 Ernest D. Dansereau  
 Franklin Joseph Davio  
 Thelma May Donnelly  
 Jessie Mae Eaton  
 Stanley Leonard Freeman, Jr.  
 Jean Gillespie  
 Jean Laurel Goldie  
 June Lorraine Goldie  
 John Robert Gummow  
 Natalie Evelyn Hambly  
 Kenneth Frederick Harlow

George Lothrop  
 Anne Theresa Lucini  
 William A. MacWilliam  
 Ralph J. Miles  
 Doris A. Morse  
 Carl Reinold Ohlson, Jr.  
 Jeanette Evelyn Parker  
 Jacqueline Marie Paszynska  
 Anna May Perry  
 Mary Ann Perry  
 Joseph Leo Pomeroy  
 Rena Phyllis Rossi  
 Barbara Ann Simmons  
 Alice Frances Simono  
 Lillian Audrey Smith  
 John Teixeira  
 Marjorie Mae Thayer  
 Charlotte Elaine Turner



# DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	
Nils G. Lindell, B.S., Ed.M.	High	Principal and Mathematics	Tufts, Harvard
Penelope DeCoulos, B.S.	High	Commercial, Phys. Ed.	Salem Teachers
C. Warren Gardner, B.S.	High	Social Studies	Boston University
W. Edward Kincaid, B.S.	High	Science	Kent University
Henry Pease, B.S.	High	Manual Arts, Phys. Ed.	Fitchburg Teachers
Janice M. Rylander, A.B.	High	Languages	Boston University
Mary E. Seitz, B.S.	High	Household Arts	Framingham Teachers
Naomi E. White, B.S.	High	Commercial	Boston University
John K. Young, A.B., A.M.	High	English	Boston University
Ellen F. Kett, B.S.	Center	Principal and Arithmetic	Hyannis Teachers
E. Faye Postle, B.S.	Center	Social Studies	Bridgewater Teachers
Mrs. Doris G. Smith, B.S.	Center	English	Boston University
Marjorie Davis, B.S.	Center	Grades 4-5	Plymouth, N. H., Teachers
Miriam T. Hall	Center	Grades 3-4	Fitchburg Teachers
Mrs. Gertrude A. Pillsbury	Center	Grades 1-2	Hyannis Teachers
Mrs. Theresa M. Miller	Sunset Ave.	Principal and Grades 7-8	Brockton Bus. U.
June N. Canegaly, B.S.	Sunset Ave.	Grades 5-6	Bridgewater Teachers
Katherine Rogers, B.S.	Sunset Ave.	Grades 3-4	Bridgewater Teachers
Elizabeth Hughes	Sunset Ave.	Grades 1-2	Perry Normal
Ruth L. Blanchard	Cochesett	Principal and Grades 4-5	Keene Normal
Mrs. Marian B. Lukawski	Cochesett	Grades 1-2-3	Castine Normal
Gertrude J. Ward	Matfield	Grades 1-2-3	Perry Normal
Mary Nelson, B.S.	Jerusalem	Grades 1-5	Bridgewater Teachers
Mrs. Lois J. Snow	All	Supervisor of Music	Hyannis Teachers
Charles G. Taylor, A.B., Ed.M.	All	Superintendent	U. of Maine, Harvard

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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We believe the citizens should be pleased to note the satisfactory financial condition of the Town at the close of the year 1943. We have enjoyed a low tax rate and have at the same time kept our town departments functioning in good order.

The total appropriations which we have recommended are slightly higher than last year due chiefly to the increase in the School budget. This is caused by a larger salary item and additional cost of High School operation which is explained by the School Committee in their report.

We recommend the appropriation of not over \$15,000.00 from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.

Figuring on some increase in receipts from outside sources and expecting a lower Surplus Revenue at the end of the year, we can again have a tax rate comparable to last year.

The committee recommends the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of United States Government Bonds. This will provide an additional fund for post war use.

A table of Estimates by Departments, amounts recommended by this Committee, and report of Recommendations on articles in the Town Warrant appear on the following pages.

ARTHUR E. RYDER, Chairman  
ALFRED T. WELLS, Secretary  
HENRY C. BRADFORD  
FRED G. CHISHOLM  
WALTER D. CROWLEY  
JOHN C. ELDRIDGE  
JOHN M. RICHARDS

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT

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Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers by Official Ballot: One Town Clerk for one year, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one for two years to fill vacancy, one Tree Warden for one year, two Constables for one year.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of March 6, 1944 and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Article 2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

Article 3. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 4. The Finance Committee recommends such authorization.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for the same.

**Article 5. The recommendations of the Finance Committee for each Department appear in the Tables included in their report.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 6. The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to be used with any sum allotted thereto by State and County.**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a post-war rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Acts of 1943.

**Article 7. The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000.00 from available funds in the treasury, to be used in the purchase of United States Government Bonds.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$75.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

**Article 8. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for a "Well Child Conference".

**Article 9. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Section 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

**Article 10. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,162.06 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital, under provisions of Chapter 111, Section 85, of the General Laws.

**Article 11. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

**Article 12. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-

appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

**Article 13. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

**Article 14. The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount (\$16.00) to pay a tuition bill at Bristol County Agricultural School for September 1940.

**Article 15. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be used for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

**Article 16. The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73.50 to pay one half the retirement fee



of teachers on military leave, as required by Chapter 419, Acts of 1943.

**Article 17. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1943 into Surplus Revenue Account: Federal Project Material Account \$436.96, New Spillway in Town River, \$35.12, Commissary Account—Salary \$5.00, expense \$161.00. Total \$638.08.

**Article 18. The Finance Committee recommends these transfers.**

Article 19. To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$400.00 for the perpetual care of the Woodward Lot in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery to be known as the Myra A. Clapp Trust Fund.

**Article 19. The Finance Committee recommends favorable action.**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to revise the By Law in reference to a quorum for the Annual Town Meeting, by substituting the number of 100 registered voters in place of 10% of the registered voters.

**Article 20. Refer to the voters.**

Article 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

# TABLE OF COMPARISON

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1942 AND 1943, TOGETHER WITH AMOUNTS  
ESTIMATED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE FOR 1944

	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Appropriated 1943	Expended 1943	Estimated 1944	Recommended 1944
Moderator—Salary .....	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Selectmen's Department .....	700.00	642.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	430.00	391.00	430.00	430.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	270.00	204.50	470.00	470.00
Accountant's Department .....	675.00	786.34	800.00	766.61	820.00	820.00
Treasurer's Department .....	1,300.00	1,287.84	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	550.00	411.18	700.00	550.00
Collector's Department .....	1,895.00	1,949.35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	579.00	513.40	455.00	455.00
Assessors' Department .....	1,700.00	1,415.59	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	1,350.00	802.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	430.00	376.69	430.00	430.00
Other Finance Offices .....	25.00	.....	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00
Town Clerk's Department .....	807.50	801.33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	720.00	720.00	720.00	720.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	100.00	95.09	100.00	100.00
Election and Registration .....	837.50	821.79	420.00	329.80	1,000.00	1,000.00

	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Appropriated 1943	Expended 1943	Estimated 1944	Recommended 1944
Law .....	25.00	.....	25.00	850.00	375.00	375.00
Town Hall and Offices .....	3,274.00	2,866.95	2,725.00	2,270.76	2,725.00	2,725.00
Police Department .....	2,300.00	2,248.96	3,000.00	3,131.91	3,195.00	3,195.00
Dog Officer .....	35.00	54.00	60.00	50.00	60.00	60.00
Fire Department .....	2,845.00	2,727.71	2,330.00	2,326.29	2,450.00	2,450.00
Hydrants .....	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00
Scaler of Weights and Measures .....	100.00	71.18	100.00	74.48	100.00	100.00
Moth Suppression .....	2,500.00	1,871.85	2,280.00	2,068.30	2,300.00	2,300.00
Tree Warden's Department .....	700.00	522.15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	300.00	280.42	300.00	300.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	400.00	364.27	450.00	450.00
Health and Sanitation .....	1,175.00	1,137.43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	100.00	2.00	50.00	50.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	1,200.00	1,104.01	1,300.00	1,300.00
Inspection of Animals .....	100.00	22.50	125.00	61.00	125.00	125.00
Inspection of Slaughtering .....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance .....	1,904.01	1,904.01	2,092.32	2,092.32	2,162.06	2,162.06
Highway Department .....	10,000.00	9,047.30	10,000.00	9,039.59	10,000.00	10,000.00
Road Machinery Account .....	1,300.00	734.57	1,000.00	948.47	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snow Removal .....	1,000.00	681.88	1,500.00	1,035.60	1,500.00	1,500.00
Street Lights .....	3,794.64	3,787.37	3,793.68	3,793.68	3,793.68	3,793.68
Public Welfare Admin. .....	830.00	769.30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	200.00	187.00	143.00	143.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	480.00	475.76	441.00	441.00

	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Appropriated 1943	Expended 1943	Estimated 1944	Recommended 1944
Public Welfare .....	11,000.00	7,068.97	8,000.00	4,862.90	6,500.00	6,500.00
Dependent Children Adm. ....	25.00	11.66	25.00	.....	56.40	56.40
Dependent Children .....	1,800.00	1,480.10	2,538.00	1,664.33	2,500.00	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance Adm. ....	520.00	404.56	500.00	476.26	500.00	500.00
Old Age Assist. ....	20,000.00	16,119.64	18,500.00	16,551.23	18,000.00	18,000.00
Soldiers' Benefits .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,650.00	1,650.00
State Aid .....	300.00	130.00	240.00	120.00	.....	.....
Soldiers' Relief .....	1,000.00	315.68	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Expense .....	.....	.....	950.00	657.68	.....	.....
Military Aid .....	500.00	90.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....
Soldiers' Burial .....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Library .....	1,300.00	1,238.15	1,300.00	1,285.81	1,320.00	1,320.00
Schools .....	50,000.00	50,093.23	53,470.00	53,468.30	59,000.00	59,000.00
Care of Monument Grounds & Flags & Parks .....	750.00	628.14	770.00	726.76	850.00	850.00
Memorial & Armistice Days Observance .....	200.00	158.69	200.00	180.40	200.00	200.00
Printing & Distributing Town Reports .....	477.24	477.24	427.52	427.52	.....	.....
Fire Insurance .....	463.76	463.76	502.48	502.48	463.76	463.76
Liability Insurance .....	1,236.97	1,236.97	1,049.59	1,049.59	778.55	778.55
War Damage Insurance .....	.....	87.68	87.68	87.68	87.68	87.68
Interest .....	100.00	3.77	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00
Care of Cemeteries .....	130.00	72.00	130.00	86.00	130.00	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service .....	300.00	300.00	325.00	325.00	300.00	300.00

	Appropriated 1942	Expended 1942	Appropriated 1943	Expended 1943	Estimated 1944	Recommended 1944
Finance Committee .....	15.00	4.00	15.00	3.00	15.00	15.00
Preserving Records .....	50.00	.....	50.00	16.71	50.00	50.00
Federal Projects Account .....	.....	467.04	.....	434.00	.....	.....
New Spillway in Town River .....	500.00**	464.88	.....	.....	.....	.....
Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00	50.00	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance .....	1,000.00	2,840.37*	1,000.00	2,873.26*	.....	.....
Christmas Decoration .....	35.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Civilian Defense .....	2,500.00	2,225.26	2,000.00	1,694.67	1,400.00	1,400.00
Rationing Board .....	.....	69.67	690.00	644.63	500.00	500.00
Well Child Conf. ....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
Reserve Fund .....	\$135,890.62	\$124,268.36	\$134,695.27	\$126,844.84	\$137,136.13	\$136,986.13
	3,000.00	342.04	3,000.00	956.91	3,000.00	3,000.00

\* Federal, State or County Contributed

\*\* Transferred from Federal Projects Account Balance

#### WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Department Maintenance .....	11,000.00	10,734.45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary .....	.....	.....	500.00	490.45	500.00	500.00
Expense .....	.....	.....	9,500.00	9,485.40	9,500.00	9,500.00
Water Department Bonds & Interest .....	2,884.80	2,884.80	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,560.00	2,560.00
	\$13,884.80	\$13,619.25	\$12,600.00	\$12,575.85	\$12,560.00	\$12,560.00

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Law Account .....	\$825.00
Police Department .....	131.91
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	\$956.91



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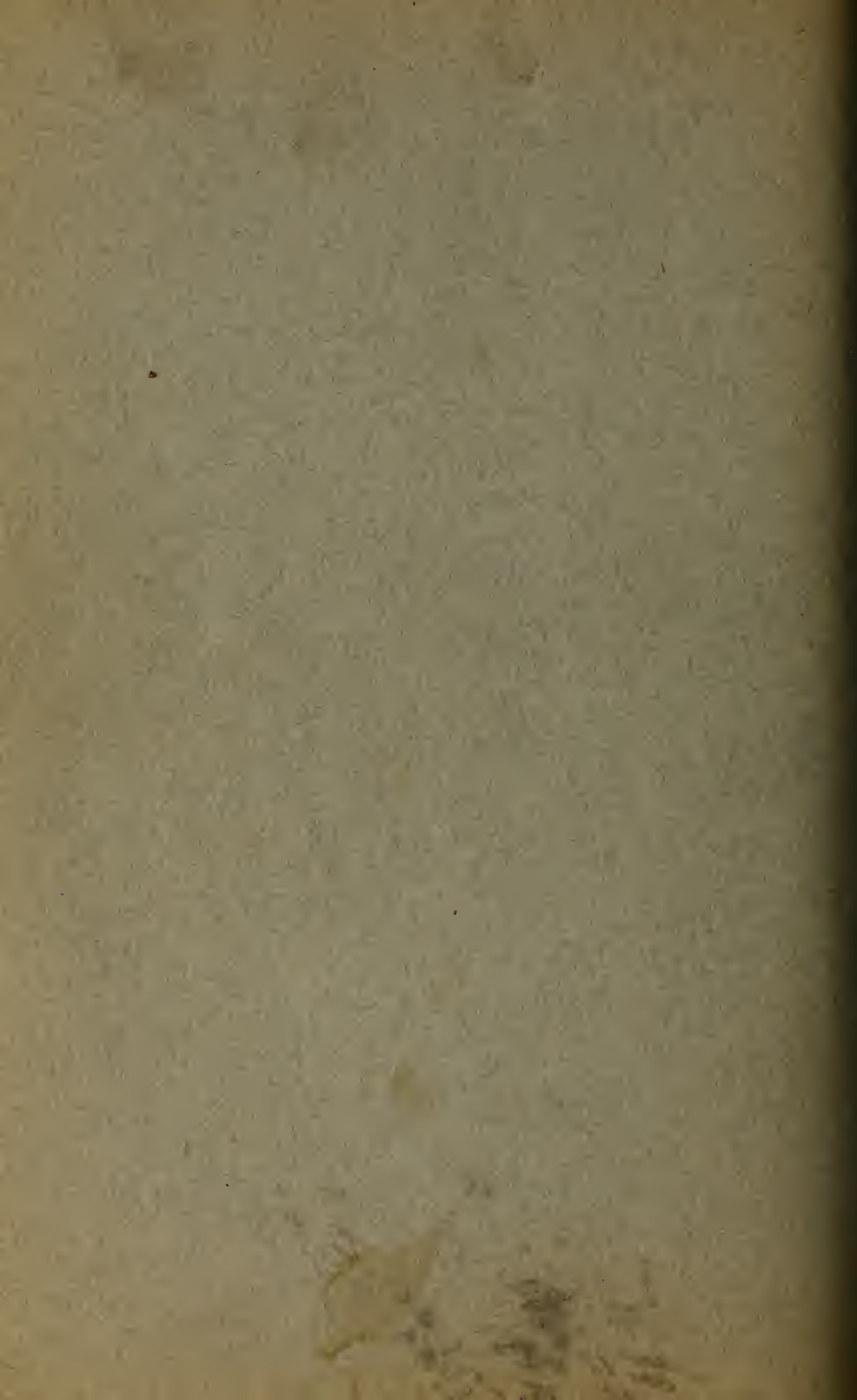
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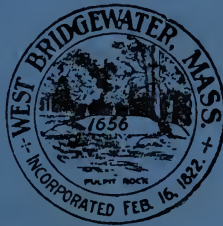
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**Town Officers**

OF THE TOWN OF

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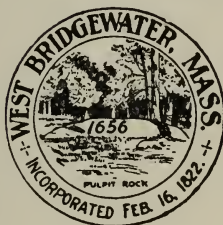
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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1944

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### MODERATOR

E. Marion Roberts

### TOWN CLERK

Herbert E. Bryant

### SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
James A. Hemenway	1942	1945
William W. Noyes	1943	1946
Fred G. Chisholm	1944	1947

### TREASURER

Orvis F. Kinney

### TAX COLLECTOR

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Walter C. Dunbar	1942	1945

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ada M. Wood	1942	1945
Basil M. Soule	1942	1945
Martha B. Mason	1943	1946
Jane H. Bartlett	1944	1947
Winfield Leavitt	1944	1947
Robert G. Dean	1944	1946

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Roger F. Tracy	1942	1945
James A. Kehoe	1942	1945
Philip Erbeck	1943	1946
Clare E. Parker	1943	1946
Ruth M. Caswell	1944	1947
Sherman H. Perkins	1944	1947

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
George W. May	1942	1945
Thomas B. Miles	1943	1946
James C. Kinney	1944	1947

## TREE WARDEN

Christopher Read

## CONSTABLES

Edwin T. Gibson

Edward G. Asack

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK

*By Appointment — Town Meeting*

Chester R. Ripley

James A. Hemenway

Albert A. Howard

## FIELD DRIVERS

Edward G. Asack	Gordon K. Ross	Clinton P. Howard
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## FENCE VIEWERS

Charles Ames	Frank X. Burke	Richard Keith
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>District Represented</i>
Arthur E. Ryder	1945	West End
Walter D. Crowley	1945	South End
Henry Bradford	1945	At Large
Harry Pomeroy	1947	East End
John C. Eldridge	1946	At Large
Leon Beldon	1946	North End
Alfred T. Wells	1947	Center

## Officers Appointed by Selectmen

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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

George G. Tucker

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Alice M. Dean

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edward L. Bourne

CHIEF OF POLICE

P. Douglas Eaton

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Christopher Read

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward L. Bourne

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

P. Douglas Eaton

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

David Dailey

DOG OFFICER

Edwin T. Gibson

BURIAL AGENT

Herbert E. Bryant

## SOLDIERS RELIEF AGENT

Alice M. Dean

## BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Dr. A. O. Belmore

## TOWN PHYSICIAN

Dr. A. O. Belmore

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Chester R. Ripley

Julia Burgess

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
John O'Shaughnessy	1944	1945
J. Edward Hurley	1944	1946
John Seager	1944	1947
Herbert E. Bryant, Clerk		

## APPOINTMENTS FOR SPECIAL POLICE DUTY

The requirements of the Civil Service Department of the State exact that when assigning men to special police duty, their names be forwarded to their department for approval.

Men assigned to duty and receiving such approval during the year on various occasions consisted of members of the Auxiliary Police Force.



APPOINTMENTS BY CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF

Antone Sousa

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Edwin T. Gibson  
Antone Sousa

Edward G. Asack  
Christopher Read

Raleigh A. Holden

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1944

A meeting duly warned of the inhabitants of West Bridgewater qualified to vote in election and Town affairs was held in the Town Hall at West Bridgewater, Monday, March 6, 1944, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and the following is a record of the doings of said meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk in the absence of the Moderator, and after Article 1 of the Warrant had been read by the Town Clerk, that is to elect the following officers for the Town by Ballot, the Town Clerk declared the meeting opened to elect the following: One Town Clerk for one year; One Moderator for one year; One Assessor for three years; One Selectman for three years; One member of Board of Public Welfare for three years; One Treasurer for one year; One Water Commissioner for three years; Two School Committee members for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years; One for two years to fill vacancy; One Tree Warden for one year; Two Constables for one year.

The Election Officers were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk to the faithful performance of their duties and were as follows: Frank Dufault, Carleton Payne, Harold Bourne, Anna Peterson, Helen Ross, Dorothy Williams, Grace Keenan, Mary Pratt, Lulu Gardner, Ellen Brown, Elmer Hunt.

The ballot box was inspected by the police officer in charge and found to be empty. The register was then set at zero. One thousand two hundred ballots were delivered by the Town Clerk and receipt given for same.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared closed. There were 548 ballots cast as shown on the indicator of the Ballot Box.

The Town Clerk announced the following results:

#### FOR MODERATOR

E. Marion Roberts	470
Blanks	78
E. Marion Roberts was declared elected.	

#### FOR TOWN CLERK

Herbert E. Bryant	474
Blanks	74
Herbert E. Bryant was declared elected.	

#### FOR SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Fred G. Chisholm	370
Joseph B. Porter	174
Blanks	4
Fred G. Chisholm was declared elected.	

#### FOR TREASURER

Orvis F. Kinney	483
Blanks	65
Orvis F. Kinney was declared elected.	

#### FOR ASSESSOR, 3 YEARS

William Phillips	455
Blanks	93
William Phillips was declared elected.	

FOR TWO MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
3 YEARS

Ruth M. Caswell	443
Sherman H. Perkins	420
Blanks	238
Ruth M. Caswell was declared elected.	
Sherman H. Perkins was declared elected.	

FOR TWO TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
3 YEARS

Jane H. Bartlett	427
Winfield C. Leavitt	431
Blanks	238
Jane H. Bartlett was declared elected.	
Winfield C. Leavitt was declared elected.	

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER

James C. Kinney	466
Blanks	82
James C. Kinney was declared elected.	

FOR TREE WARDEN

Christopher Read	466
Blanks	82
Christopher Read was declared elected.	

FOR ONE TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY  
2 YEARS

Robert G. Dean	467
Blanks	81
Robert G. Dean was declared elected.	

## FOR CONSTABLES, 1 YEAR

Edwin T. Gibson	449
Edward G. Asack	441
Blanks	206

Edwin T. Gibson was declared elected.

Edward G. Asack was declared elected.

After the results of the election was announced the Town Clerk was sworn to the faithful performance of his office, and declared the meeting adjourned until March 13, 1944.

Town Officers sworn into office by Town Clerk:

Moderator, E. Marion Roberts; Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare, Fred G. Chisholm; Treasurer, Orvis F. Kinney; Assessor, William W. Phillips; School Committee, Ruth M. Caswell and Sherman H. Perkins; Library Trustees, Jane H. Bartlett, Winfield C. Leavitt, Robert G. Dean; Water Commissioner, James C. Kinney; Tree Warden, Christopher Read; Constables, Edwin T. Gibson and Edward G. Asack.

The following officers were sworn into office by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk on March 13, 1944.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark, Chester R. Ripley, James A. Hemenway, Albert A. Howard.

Field Drivers, Edward G. Asack, Gordon K. Ross, Clinton P. Howard.

Fence Viewers, Charles Ames, Frank X. Burque, Richard Keith.

Finance Committee, Harry Pomeroy, Leon Beldon, Henry Bradford.

Superintendent of Street, George G. Tucker.

Town Accountant, Alice M. Dean.

Chief of Fire Department, Edward L. Bourne.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, P. Douglas Eaton.

Forest Fire Warden, Edward L. Bourne.

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering, David Dailey.

Dog Officer, Edwin T. Gibson.

Superintendent of Moth Work, Christopher Read.

Public Weighers, Chester Ripley, Julia Burgess.

Town Physician, Dr. A. O. Belmore.

Burial Agent, Herbert E. Bryant, sworn in by the Moderator.

#### ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 13, 1944

At 8:30 P. M. the required number had not arrived and upon motion the meeting was adjourned to Monday, March 20, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Following a vote taken at Adjourned Town Meeting, March 13, 1944, the postponed Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, E. Marion Roberts. In Memory of Francis Mahoney who served for Several years as a Registrar, and Daniel Lothrop who served on the Library Board of Trustees for many years, both of whom passed away in 1943, the Moderator requested all to rise and remain in silent contemplation.

With reference to the By-Law requirements of 10% of the voters being present at the meeting in order to constitute legal quorum which caused a great deal of adjournments when the required number were not present, the Town Clerk visited the Attorney General's office and learned because of technical require-



ments which we failed to provide them with the By-Law never was legally approved by them, although we had a letter to that effect from that office.

Consequently we have at present no particular number governing the quorum and the meetings since have proceeded upon Moderator and Selectmen being satisfied that the number present constitute a quorum.

The meeting proceeded as follows:

## ARTICLE 2

To choose Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Ballot.

The following named were by vote of meeting chosen:

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—James A. Hemenway, Chester R. Ripley, and Albert A. Howard.

Field Drivers—Clinton Howard, Edward Asack, Gordon K. Ross.

Fence Viewers—Francis X. Burque, Charles Ames, Richard Keith.

## ARTICLE 3

To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon:

The reports of the Town Officers was upon motion accepted.

## ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time

to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

On motion this article was carried.

## ARTICLE 5

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for the same.

On motion this article was carried as follows:

Moderator's Salary, 1944	\$ 25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	430.00
Selectmen's Department Expense	470.00
Accountant's Department	820.00
Treasurer's Salary	800.00
Treasurer's Department Expense	550.00
Collector's Salary	1,400.00
Collector's Department Expense	455.00
Assessor's Salaries	1,200.00
Assessor's Department Expense	430.00
Other Finance Officers	25.00
Town Clerk's Salary	720.00
Town Clerk's Department Expense	100.00
Election and Registration	1,000.00
Law	375.00
Town Hall and Offices	2,725.00
Police Department	3,195.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Fire Department	2,450.00
Hydrants	1,490.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Moth Department	2,300.00
Tree Warden Salary	300.00
Tree Warden Department Expense	450.00
Health and Sanitation Salaries	50.00
Health and Sanitation Department Expense	1,300.00
Inspector of Animals	125.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	100.00
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance	2,162.06
Highway Department	10,000.00
Road Machinery Account	1,000.00
Snow Removal	1,500.00
Street Lights	3,793.68
Public Welfare Administration Salaries	143.00
Public Welfare Administration Expense	441.00
Public Welfare	6,500.00
Dependent Children Administration	56.40
Dependent Children	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance Administration	580.00
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	1,650.00
Library	1,320.00
Schools	59,000.00
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags and Parks	850.00
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Fire Insurance	463.76
Liability Insurance	778.55
War Damage Insurance	87.68
Interest	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Visiting Nurse Service	300.00
Finance Committee	15.00

Preserving Records	50.00
Civilian Defense	1,400.00
Rationing Board	500.00
Water Commissioner's Salaries (From Water Receipts)	500.00
Water Department Expense (From Water Receipts)	9,500.00
Water Department Bonds & Interest (From Water Receipts)	2,560.00

### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

James A. Hemenway at this point offered a substitute Motion for the above.

Substitute Motion:

That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance and that, in addition the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from surplus Revenue to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Surplus Revenue Account.

Upon Motion the Substitute was carried. Maker of original Motion accepted the Substitute.

### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from surplus revenue in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of War Bonds or other Bonds that are legal investments for Savings Banks in order to establish a post War Rehabilitation Fund in accordance with the provision of Chapter 3, Acts 1943.

On Motion this Article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money \$75.00 for a Clinic by the School Physician to immunize School Children and pre-school children against Diptheria.

On motion this article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for a "Well Child Conference".

Upon motion this Article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Section 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

Upon motion this article was carried with the appointment of Clifford H. Carlson as the director.

#### ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,162.06 for maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital under Provision of Chapter 111 Sec. 85 of the General Laws.

Upon motion this article was carried.

#### ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridge-water.

Upon motion this Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

Upon motion the Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the approval (written) of the Selectmen or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through Foreclosure of Tax Title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

Upon motion this Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount (\$16.00) to pay a tuition bill at Bristol County Agricultural School for September, 1940.

Upon motion this Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take from Surplus Revenue in the Treasury a sum of money not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be used for the purpose of reducing the Tax Rate for the Current year.

Upon motion this Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73.50 to pay one half of the retirement fee of Teachers on Military leave as required by Chapter 419 Acts of 1943.

On motion this Article was carried.



## ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the surpluses remaining in the following departments on December 31, 1943 into Surplus Revenue Account; Federal Project Material Account, \$436.96; New Spillway in Town River, \$35.12; Commissary Account Salary \$5.00, Expense \$161.00; Total \$638.08.

On Motion this Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$400.00 for the perpetual care of the Woodward Lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery to be known as the Mary A. Clapp Trust Fund.

Upon motion this Article was carried.

## ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to revise the By-Laws in reference to a quorum for the annual Town Meeting, by substituting the number of 100 registered voters in place of 10% of the registered voters.

On motion this Article was passed.

## ARTICLE 21

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Acting under this Article it was moved to see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund of \$100.00 to be known as the Flora M. Snell Fund, for the perpetual care of the Joseph Vosmouth Lot at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

This fund on vote was accepted.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

## Presidential Primaries, April 25, 1944

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The polls were opened at 4:00 P. M. by the reading of the warrant and the declaration of the warden, James A. Hemenway. The Ballot Box was inspected by the Police Officer in charge and the register was set at 00000.

At 8:00 P. M. the Warden declared the Polls closed and the register in the Ballot Box showed that 37 ballots had been cast.

The results of the ballots cast showed the following:

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

#### *Delegates at Large*

David I. Walsh	7
William J. Foley	5
Joseph E. Casey	5
James M. Curley	6
William H. Burke	5
Frank W. Tomasello	5
John W. McCormack	5
Maurice J. Tobin	7
Joseph B. Ely	6
Margaret M. O'Riordan	6
Charles F. Hurley	5
Mathias La Pierre	5
Blanks	

#### *Alternate Delegates at Large*

Elizabeth L. McNamara	6
John Zielinski	6
Joseph Zemaitis	6

Joseph M. McDonough	6
Samuel Michelman	6
Charles Kaplan	6
Mary Maliotes	6
Paul V. McDonough	6
Clementina Langone	6
Silas F. Taylor	6
Bernard Killion	6
Catherine E. Hanifin	6
Blanks	

*District Delegates, Fifteenth District*

Helen L. Buckley	7
Louis A. Cordeira	6
Antonia England	6
Edward C. Peirce	6
Blanks	

*Alternate District Delegates, Fifteenth District*

Albert M. Heath	7
Noemi C. Hinkley	6
Henry Landreville	6
Vincent O'Neil	6
Blanks	

*State Committee*

Edward B. Neafsey	7
Anna M. Heath	5
Blanks	

*Town Committee*

Henry J. Pomeroy	3
Daniel Sullivan	1
Walter Crowley	3
Walter Crowley, Jr.	2
Mary Fallon	1
Elsie Pomeroy	1

Ellen Brown	1
John Pomeroy	2
Francis Luddy	2
Thomas Smith	1
Blanks	

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

### *Delegates At Large*

Leverett Saltonstall	28
Joseph W. Martin	29
Sinclair Weeks	28
Louise M. Williams	27
George B. Rowell	28
Margaret A. Green	27
George F. Booth	28
Blanks	

### *Alternate Delegates at Large*

Katherine G. Howard	23
Doris A. Kundig	23
Rosa M. Lewis	23
Horace Handford	24
Carolyn L. Purcell	23
J. Edward Lajoie	23
Lawrence Curtis	26
Blanks	

### *District Delegates*

Joseph F. Francis	26
Robert E. French	25
Blanks	

### *Alternate District Delegates*

Josephine E. Clark	25
Aurore B. Surprenant	24
Blanks	

*Delegates*

George H. Young	7
Blanks	

*State Committee*

Preston W. Howard	16
Louis Brince	12
Blanks	

*Town Committee**Group I*

Edith M. Blanchard	25
James A. Hemenway	25
Henry O. Davenport	26
Lulu B. Gardner	29
Clifford H. Carlson	25
Jane H. Bartlett	25
Elmer M. Slaney	28
Frank Sanborn	25
Ethel M. Frellick	25
Orvis F. Kinney	29
Arthur E. Ryder	26

*Town Committee**Group II*

Elizabeth C. Millet	25
William W. Noyes	25
Mary H. Pratt	25
Alice C. Eldridge	25
Ruth H. Brown	25
Blanks	

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P. M.

## State Primaries, July 11, 1944

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The polls were opened at 1:00 P. M., by the reading of the warrant and the declaration of the Warden, James A. Hemenway. The Ballot Box was inspected by the police in charge and register set at 00000.

At 8:00 P. M. the Polls were declared closed by the warden and the register in the ballot box showed that 156 ballots had been cast.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

### REPUBLICAN PARTY

#### *Governor*

Horace T. Cahill	112
Blanks	29

#### *Lieutenant Governor*

Robert F. Bradford	61
Jarvis Hunt	27
Rudolph F. King	37
Daniel E. McLean	2
Wm. H. McMaster	3
Blanks	11

#### *Secretary*

Frederic W. Cook	133
Blanks	8

#### *Treasurer*

Fred J. Burrell	66
Laurence Curtis	60
Blanks	15



*Auditor*

Frank A. Goodwin	73
Wallace E. Stearns	14
Russell A. Wood	49
Blanks	5

*Attorney-General*

Clarence A. Barnes	80
Charles Fairhurst	12
James E. Farley	40
Blanks	9

*Senator in Congress*

Leverett Saltonstall	126
Blanks	15

*Congressman*

Charles L. Gifford	126
Blanks	15

*Councillor*

Henry E. Francis	3
Roger Keith	81
Arthur E. Slater	0
John M. Stone	18
Eben G. Townes	34
Blanks	5

*Senator*

Charles G. Miles	123
Blanks	18

*Representative in General Court*

Michael J. McCarthy	61
Clinton G. Bradshaw	72
Blanks	8

*County Commissioners*

Frederic T. Bailey	87
Elva M. Bent	92
Norman G. MacDonald	62
Blanks	41

*Sheriff*

Charles H. Robbins	127
Blanks	14

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Governor*

Francis X. Hurley	3
Maurice J. Tobin	11
Blanks	1

*Lieutenant Governor*

John B. Carr	4
Alfred P. Forese	1
<b>Alexander F. Sullivan</b>	2
John S. Sullivan	5
Blanks	3

*Secretary*

John M. Bresnahan	8
Margaret M. O'Riordon	4
Blanks	3

*Treasurer*

John E. Hurley	8
Francis C. McKenna	2
Michael O'Leary	2
John F. Welch	1
Blanks	2

*Auditor*

Thomas J. Buckley	13
Blanks	2

*Attorney-General*

John H. Bockus	1
Francis D. Harrigan	2
Francis E. Kelly	5
Joseph M. McDonough	5
Blanks	2

*Senator in Congress*

John H. Corcoran	8
Joseph A. Langone, Jr.	0
Joseph Lee	1
Richard M. Russell	4
Blanks	2

*Congressman*

William McAuliffe	13
Blanks	2

*Councillor*

Joseph P. Clark, Jr.	11
J. Dolan Hathaway	0
Blanks	4

*Senator*

Robert T. Triggs	12
Blanks	3

*Representative in General Court*

Herbert L. Donaghue	14
Blanks	1

*County Commissioners*

Thomas A. McCann	9
Henry J. Pomeroy	13
Blanks	8

*Sheriff*

George F. Adams	14
Blanks	1

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P. M.

## STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1944

The polls were opened at 8:00 P. M. with the reading of the warrant and the declaration of the Warden, James A. Hemenway and Town Clerk H. E. Bryant.

The ballot box was inspected by the police in charge, Douglas P. Eaton, and register set at 00000.

At 8:00 P. M. the Warden declared the polls closed and the register in the ballot box showed that 1550 ballots had been cast.

The results of the ballots cast were as follows:

*President and Vice-President*

Dewey and Bricker	1025
Roosevelt and Truman	483
Teichert and Albaugh	0
Watson and Johnson	0
Blanks	42

*Governor*

Horace T. Cahill	981
Maurice J. Tobin	540
Henning A. Blomen	3
Guy S. Williams	3
Blanks	23

*Lieutenant Governor*

Robert F. Bradford	1083
John B. Carr	384
Alfred Erickson	13
George L. McGlynn	9
Blanks	61

*Secretary*

Frederic W. Cook	1151
Margaret M. O'Riordon	313
Horace I. Hillis	10
Blanks	76

*Treasurer*

Fred J. Burrell	1025
John E. Hurley	434
Herbert Crabtree	11
Earle L. Smith	4
Blanks	76

*Auditor*

Thomas J. Buckley	395
Frank A. Goodwin	1053
Gote Elvel Palmquist	9
Charles E. Vaughan	16
Blanks	77

*Attorney General*

Clarence A. Barnes	1065
Francis E. Kelly	394
Fred E. Oelcher	9
Howard B. Rand	7
Blanks	75

*Senator in Congress*

John F. Corcoran	288
Leverett Saltonstall	1195

Bernard G. Kelly	8
E. Tallmadge Root	5
Blanks	88

*Congressman*

Charles L. Gifford	1110
William McAuliffe	352
Blanks	88

*Councillor*

John P. Clark, Jr.	308
Roger Keith	1172
Blanks	70

*Senator*

Charles G. Miles	1135
Robert F. Triggs	341
Blanks	74

*Representative in General Court*

Herbert L. Donaghue	332
Michael J. McCarthy	1095
Blanks	123

*County Commissioner*

Frederic T. Bailey	907
Elva M. Bent	984
Thomas A. McCann	272
Henry J. Pomeroy	480
Blanks	458

*Sheriff*

George F. Adams	418
Charles H. Robbins	1005
Blanks	127

*Proposed Amendment — Question No. 1*

Yes	706
No	100
Blanks	744



*Proposed Amendment — Question No. 2*

Yes	671
No	264
Blanks	615

*Proposed Amendment — Question No. 3*

Yes	513
No	447
Blanks	590

*Proposed Amendment — Question No. 4*

Yes	782
No	150
Blanks	618

*Law Submitted upon Referendum — Question No. 5*

Yes	651
No	263
Blanks	636

## LIQUOR QUESTIONS

*Question No. 1 — All Alcoholic Beverages*

Yes	775
No	529
Blanks	246

*Question No. 2 — Wines and Malt Beverages*

Yes	801
No	467
Blanks	282

*Question No. 3 — All Alcoholic Beverages in Packages*

Yes	861
No	431
Blanks	258

## SOLDIERS VOTE

The following is a record of the applications received, 84 and same amount of ballots sent out. Nov. 7 at 8:00 P. M. the number of returned ballots 53, were cast under the supervision of the committee in charge.

The committee in charge of examining Soldier's votes to determine that they had been properly adjudicated were sworn to their faithful duty. The personnel were William Fisher, Alex Tobin, Earl Gifford, Henry Howard. Two Republicans and two Democrats.

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 14, 1944

At 7:30 P. M. the meeting was called to order by Town Clerk H. E. Bryant in the absence of the Moderator. Arthur Ryder was nominated and elected moderator for the evening. The Warrant was read by H. E. Bryant, Town Clerk.

## ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Surplus Revenue account the sum of \$869.00 for the use of the Water Department.

On motion this Article was carried, that the sum of \$860.00 be transferred from the Water Department Surplus Revenue Account.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

H. E. BRYANT  
Town Clerk

ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 46  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth giving the street and number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, place of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in the city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6. Parents, within FORTY DAYS after the birth of a child, and every householder within FORTY DAYS after a birth in his house, SHALL cause notice thereof to be given to the CLERK of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3, shall, so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. A parent, or other person who, by section 6, is required to give, or cause to be given notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for TEN DAYS after the time limit therefor, shall forfeit not more than five dollars, for each offence.

Sec. 24. The Town Clerk shall furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### Births in West Bridgewater, 1944

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
March		
12	Linda Elizabeth Backstrom	Harold N. R. and Lillian Hooper
17	Clara Elaine Irving	Edward S. and Mary E. Parker
July		
6	Illegitimate	

### Births Elsewhere to West Bridgewater Parents, 1944

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
January		
8	Andrea Frances Pagani	Andrew J. and Jennie DiCarli
12	Donald Merwin Martineau, Jr.	Donald M. and Myrtis Woods
12	Raymond Keith Anderson	Loring B. and R. Eleanor Keith
14	John Crosby Eldridge, Jr.	John C. and Eleanor McMorrow
15	——— Hardenbrook	Kenneth L. and Ruth V. Hunter
15	——— Hardenbrook	Kenneth L. and Ruth V. Hunter
17	Richard Charles Burrill	Henry K. and Gertrude H. Garvey
18	Carolyn Marzelli	James and Marie Pelaggi
21	Sandra Moore	Frank W. and Ethel A. Davis
26	Gloria Jean Eaton	Aubrey B. and Mabel F. Fisher
February		
4	Harold Howard Anderson	Harold E. and Edith F. Howard
4	Arthur Guy Perry	Arthur B. and Charlotte M. Saunders
5	Susan Evelyn North	Wilfred W. and Lucille M. Coleman
6	Richard Bruce Olson	Sumner and Mildred R. Howe
14	Michele Gay Ferrini	Ferdinand B. and John Frances Cotton
18	Anthony Arthur Barros	Anthony and Sarah H. Salvador
21	Ralph Burgess Souza	Walter B. and Helen L. Hunter
23	Richard Alton Swanson	Arthur G. and Mary Packard

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<b>March</b>		
12	Katherine Bernice Smith	George H. and Laura E. Powers
14	Janice Lorine Erbeck	Andrew P. and Claire L. Wilbur
26	Raymond Stearnes Blodgett	Lester A. and Phyllis Mae Trow
27	Stephen Bancroft Farnum	Charles L. and Eleanor I. Wheeler
<b>April</b>		
1	John Lawson Holmgren	Ernest H. and Josephine M. Cassiani
2	Andrea Marie Mazza	Savino and Mildred G. Pacheco
9	Wayne Franklin Richardson	Arthur H. and Nellie Hutchinson
12	Virginia Ann Bolling	George A. and Jeannette Benoit
<b>May</b>		
2	Bruce Douglas Grippen	Charles and Mildred Pratt
6	Ralph Irving Douglas	Ralph I. and Rose A. Christofori
6	Matthew James Owens	Matthew J. and Gladys E. Moore
9	David Charles Perry	Charles B. and Thelma M. Pilla
12	Sandra Barker	Randolph G. and Edith C. Young
24	Ralph Edward Moore	Ralph E. and Veronica M. Dillen
25	Marjorie Anne Clark	Everett C. and Miriam Burgess
25	Joseph Carlton Duarte	Joseph E. and Virginia Marie Roque
30	June Catherine Howard	Clinton P. and Erma M. Place
<b>June</b>		
9	Paul Frederick Poirier	Joseph R. and Doris M. Owens
12	Donna Lee Fabrizio	Frank F. and Ethel M. Hayward
22	John Hall Porter	Erland C. and Ruth Hale Tuck
23	Janet Louise Metcalf	Wilson Henry and Milred E. Edmed
30	Jane Ellen Hayward	John L. and Frances E. Spellacy
<b>July</b>		
6	Earl Whelock Clough	Lauren A. and Alice L. Billings
28	Anne Cathleen McCarthy	Joseph and Catherine Gaffney
29	Geraldine Frances Wilkins	Frederick G. and Violet M. Chandler
31	Vera Ellen Benson	Bror A. and Ellen M. Gullbrantz
<b>August</b>		
3	James William Cerrato	William and Eva E. Kerr
10	Paul Henry Howard	Lester E. and Natalie Gillespie
12	Nancy Patricia Antworth	Charles R. and Lucille X. Gonyer
17	William Forrest Churchill	Robert S. and Doris L. Jones
17	Robert Fuller Anderson	Howard A. and Jessie Place
19	Thomas Leon Sayles	Leon V. and Esther Davidson

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
September		
6	Paula Grances Alexander	Paul and Dorothy Frances Foye
22	Maybelle Florence Carnello	James R. and Mildred E. Tingley
25	Paul Francis Kelly	Francis L. and Elizabeth A. Garvey
October		
5	Joanne Howard	Wesley A. and Barbara L. Iveson
5	Robert Weston Andre	Weston J. and Esther F. Hunter
9	Robert Edward Ross	Gordon K. and Helen G. Grady
13	Todd Layton Grundberg	Harold S. and Alice I. Holmes
17	Catherine Elizabeth Sullivan	Frederick P. and Marie E. Smith
18	Larry Arthur Williams	Edward M. and Doris E. Manchester
November		
8	Donald George Asack	Edward G. and Louise M. Roberts
13	George Joseph Sousa	George J. and Margaret L. Keith
December		
5	Judith Marie Brown	William R. and Anna E. Mello
10	Sandra Marie Perry	George L. and Ruth A. Messier
17	William Edward Carlin	Robert G. and Mildred S. Cole
26	Robert Vernon Willis	Laurence H. and Clara E. Thayer

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## Delayed Birth Returns

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
April 20, 1907		
	Edna Andrews	Cecil and Mildred Eastman
October 9, 1918		
	Kathleen Marshall Edmonston	Leon J. and Harriet M. Fairbanks
March 29, 1938		
	Mary Jane Daley	Robert and Gertrude A. Campbell



## Deaths Recorded in West Bridgewater, 1944

Date	Age			Cause	
	Y.	M.	D.		
January					
6	William H. Washburn	92	11	16	Broncho pneumonia, artererio schlerosis
14	Eva L. Horton	59	11	5	Cardiac Failure
16	Child of K. L. Hardenbrook			1	Prematurity (twin)
17	Child of K. L. Hardenbrook			2	Prematurity (twin)
22	Clarence Lee Moore	47	1	18	Uremia, Cardio Renal disease with Hypertension
22	Sandra Moore			1	Congenital Heart Disease
February					
7	John Soares Chaves	47	11	16	Coronary Thrombosis
7	Evan Robert Golder	85	6	20	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis
10	Andrew M. Davis	83	—	—	Paralysis Agitans
11	Eda Louise Janes (Short)	73	4	7	Cardiac Decompensation
12	Roger Willard Alger	18	9	12	Epilepsy
18	Sarah E. McMenamen	64	—	13	Cerebral Hemiplegia and right side paralysed
March					
1	Kathleen Wager	1	1	18	Broncho pneumonia
11	Henry William Morse	92	6	28	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
18	Sophie Ingrid Ohlson	81	10	8	General Arterio sclerosis and senility
April					
3	Joseph Erland Thayer	73	8	4	Carcinoma of rectum
7	Virginia Jacques	72	10	—	Angina Pectoris
13	A. Grace Hackett	61	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May					
18	John Janes	73	9	4	Heart Disease
22	Joseph Machin	73	7	28	Arteriosclerosis
June					
3	Hattie M. Condon	48	—	—	Cerebral thrombosis
24	Anna L. Martin	72	10	12	Generalized Arteriosclerosis
30	Walter E. Litchfield	53	10	20	Pneumonia Tuberculous

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>			<i>Cause</i>
	<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	
July				
4 Alice Anderson	82	—	2	Hypostatic Pneumonia
12 Hattie J. Brown	87	1	6	Senility with dementia
13 William Peter Chouinard	59	3	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17 Mary Ann Courtney	60	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
29 Ellen Murphy Yeadon	38	—	—	Coronary Embolism
August				
3 Sophie Nelson	77	1	24	Cerebral Hemorrhage
14 Molly Saunders	61	—	—	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis
15 Lydia Holmes Grover	89	10	27	Arteriosclerosis
17 Sarah Ellen Nute	77	10	8	Coronary Embolus
21 Brenda Souza	—	19	—	Subarachnoid hemorrhage
October				
5 Carl Johnson	58	3	—	Pulmonary embolism
6 Leon Woodbridge White	75	5	29	Cardio Renal Dropsy
27 Calice Biladeau	75	7	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage
November				
17 Eunice I. Snow	73	1	3	Pneumonia
19 Joseph Chaves	80	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
23 Minnie Jeanette Dearth	64	7	12	Anaemia
29 Richard Harry Penpræse	68	9	14	Carcinoma of Prostate
27 Vital Cyr	73	—	29	Gunshot wound of head while in depressed mental state from diabetes mellitation and chr. myocarditis
27 Marion L. Martin	40	8	10	Multiple brain abscesses
December				
4 Augusta Cronbeck	73	11	28	Hemorrhage of the Brain
6 Nellie Jane Dunn	71	2	4	Parkinson's disease

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## Marriages Recorded in 1944

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- Jan. 3 Alexander Wills of Springfield and Lucille Hazel Lechner, of West Bridgewater at Agawam, by Walter H. Loomes, Minister.
- Jan. 20 Howard Sowman Allen of West Bridgewater and Betty May Pierce of Abington at Abington, by C. Stanley Knott, Clergyman.
- Jan. 23 Henry Bochanowicz of Norwood and Jennie Sapols of West Bridgewater at Brockton, by J. Albert Sullivan, Justice of Peace.
- Jan. 30 William Harris Reller of Richmond, Indiana and Jean Roberts of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis L. Cooper.
- Jan. 30 Henry William Cormier of Whitman and Shirley Marie Kohl of West Bridgewater, at Whitman, by Rev. John Roach.
- Feb. 15 Clarence Joseph Carlson of Brockton, Mass., and Jacqueline M. Paszynsky of Boston, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Feb. 27 William David Isabel of West Bridgewater and June Wilson of Brockton, at Bridgewater, by Rev. Newton Black.
- Mar. 2 Harry Chase of West Bridgewater and Cora Young of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Edwin H. Gibson.

- Mar. 5 Francis Leo Kelly of Brighton and Elizabeth Anne Garvey of West Bridgewater, at Rockland, by Rev. James F. Cassidy.
- Mar. 5 Hartley W. Scribner of Everett and Phyllis M. Earle of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Iris Kerr.
- Mar. 25 Glen Orange Bish of Indiana and Doris Falzarano of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Orville E. Crain.
- Mar. 31 Charles Lester Alger of Cotuit and Grace Evelyn Gum-mow of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Frank F. Fellows.
- Apr. 1 William Harold Blaurett of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and June Rothert of Evansville, Indiana, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John J. Hershey.
- Apr. 3 Joseph H. Goulart, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Florence E. Daneault of West Bridgewater, at Whitman, by Rev. Harold S. Capron.
- Apr. 8 Stuart Dow of Brockton and Frances Nault of West Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Iris Kerr.
- Apr. 9 Manuel Souza of Taunton and Anna Augustinho of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Apr. 10 Stuart Walter Silva of West Bridgewater and Nourice Mather of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Paul Merab.
- May 12 Lawrence E. Brown of Boston and Madeline Whitten of Boston, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Frank M. Fellows.

- May 13 Leroy O. Tuttle of West Bridgewater and Marie Barbara MacDonald of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. John H. Hershey.
- May 28 Arthur Elton Miles of West Bridgewater and Laura Alice Gardner of Santa Paula, California, at Brockton, by Rev. David B. Matthews.
- June 4 Adolph John Cheyunski of West Bridgewater and Lillian Josephine Waitt of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Joseph C. Petrauskas.
- June 18 Frank Mazza of West Bridgewater and Mildred E. Higgins of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Francis L. Cooper.
- June 26 Frederick G. Wilkins of West Bridgewater and Violet May Chandler of West Bridgewater, at Whitman by Arthur P. Cole, Justice of Peace.
- July 11 Roland C. Brin of Woonsocket, R. I., and Mildred Louise Silva of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- July 16 George Ellis Andrews of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Langley of Brockton, at Brockton, by Rev. Samuel J. Schultz.
- July 19 Leo Frederick DeMoranville of Lakeville and Shirley Loraine Packard of West Bridgewater, at Lakeville, by John G. Paun, Justice of Peace.
- July 24 Warren Lothrop Chandler, Jr., and Florence Marie Woodward of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Aug. 15 Bernard Albert Cough of Pawtucket, R. I. and Mary J. F. Wise, of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.

- Aug. 16 Edwin G. Keller of Stoughton and Edith M. Madan of West Bridgewater at Brockton, by Rev. Lester S. Myers.
- Aug. 26 Arthur G. Nelson, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Shirley Elizabeth Severance of Woonsocket, R. I., at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Gerald E. Bisbee.
- Sept. 26 John Joseph Tingley of West Bridgewater and Mildred Hazel Fitts of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Edward McClurg.
- Sept. 30 Loyd Dana Keith of West Bridgewater and Ethel June Tallman of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Edward McClurg.
- Oct. 10 William Jacques of West Bridgewater and Mary S. Chaves of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Oct. 12 Julian W. Ciampa of Brockton, and Ruth A. Macomber of West Bridgewater, at Bridgewater by Rev. Wm. McKinney.
- Oct. 14 Bernard H. Willey of St. Johnsbury, Vt. and Beatrice May Tegu of West Bridgewater at Seabrook, N. H., by Jesse L. Smith, Justice of Peace.
- Oct. 14 Julian Ernest Lucini of West Bridgewater and Katherine Kingston of East Bridgewater, at East Bridgewater, by Rev. Daniel W. Donovan.
- Oct. 21 Charles Andrew Freeman, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Jessie Marian Slaney of West Bridgewater, at Taunton, by Rev. Herman D. Berlaw.
- Oct. 22 Melvin E. Anderson of East Bridgewater and Abrota Bryant Pratt of West Bridgewater, at Kingston, by Rev. L. Gordon Adamson.



- Nov. 2 George Joseph Brown of West Bridgewater and Eleanor Ridgeway Dunn of Brockton, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Nov. 2 Norman Albert Melendy of West Bridgewater and Ruth E. Forbes Spooner of Easton, at North Easton, by Rev. Jesse A. Martin.
- Nov. 5 Melvin George Winberg of West Bridgewater and Alice Lee Swain of Shrieveport, La., at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Albert Q. Perry.
- Nov. 23 Raymond L. Newman of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Marie Rose Cabral of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. C. L. Reardon.
- Dec. 2 George Daniel Danforth of West Bridgewater and Ruth Madeline Robishaw of West Bridgewater, at Brockton, by Rev. Richard B. Gibbs.
- Dec. 18 Boyd Campbell of Hazard, Ky., and Jennie M. Silva of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- Dec. 27 William B. Hanson, Franklin, Mass., and Bernice M. Shipman of West Bridgewater, at West Bridgewater, by Rev. Frank M. Fellows.

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1944

Male	284	@	\$ 2.00	\$ 568.00
Spayed Female	108	@	2.00	216.00
Female	55	@	5.00	275.00
Kennel	3	@	25.00	75.00
Kennel	1	@	10.00	10.00
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				1,144.00
Less Clerk's Fees	451	@	.20	90.20
				<hr/>
Paid during year to Town Treasurer				1,053.80

## SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1944

Cash Balance January 1, 1944	\$ 2.00	
Licenses issued	419.50	
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		421.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game	357.75	
Fees retained	45.00	
Cash balance December 31, 1944	18.75	
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		421.50

## LIST OF JURORS

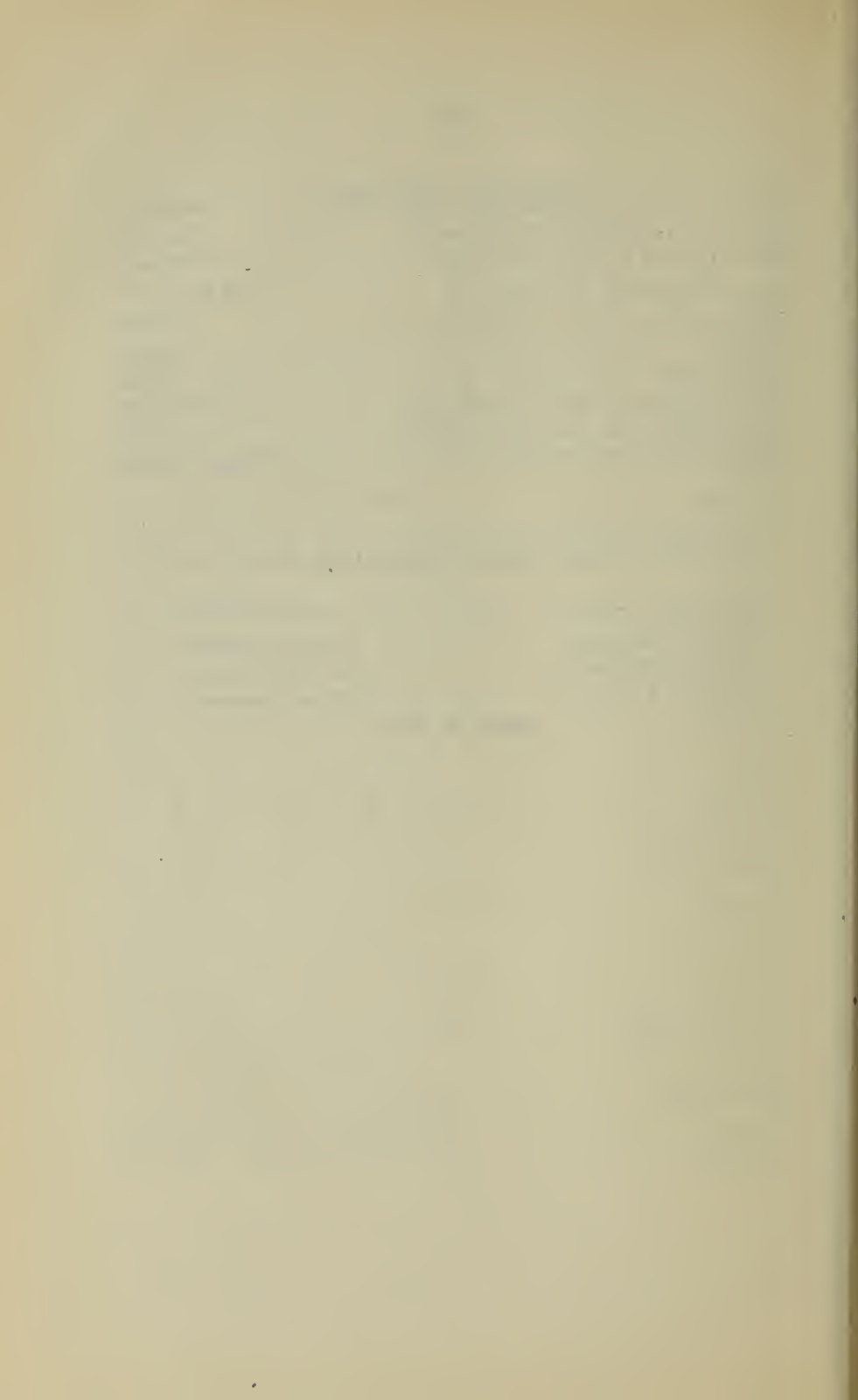
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<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Allen, Harold E.,	81 Walnut St.	Bakery
Arvidson, Albert E.,	431 No. Elm St.	Shoeworker
Baker, Frederick W.,	136 Copeland St.	Poultry Man
Belmore, Louis O.,	227 Matfield St.	Retired
Benson, Bror A.,	327 East St.	Mason
Brown, Dexter E.,	36 Brooks Pl.	Manager
Burque, Frank X.,	26 West Center St.	Gas Station Operator
Comlin, Chester E.,	59 Maolis Ave.	Bus Driver
Couite, Joseph A.,	93 Copeland St.	Farmer
Crowley, Walter D., Sr.,	242 South St.	Welt Maker
Curtis, William F.,	44 W. Center St.	Investment Salesman
Dailey, David,	109 South Elm St.	Animal Inspector
Dalton, George M.,	110 Prospect St.	Reporter
Dean, Robert G.,	266 Pleasant St.	Farmer
Eaton, Alton	131 Crescent St.	Painter
Erbeck, Phillip A.,	75 Bryant St.	Farmer
Fish, Ralph W.,	373 North Elm St.	Director
Frazier, John L.,	119 So. Elm St.	Police Guard
Gibson, William E., Jr.,	22 River St.	Dairy Farmer
Giovanoni, Joseph D.,	27 Glenmere St.	Salesman
Green, Harry D.,	120 Ash St.	Laborer
Guinea, Thomas F.,	535 W. Center St.	Shoeworker
Hayward, John L.,	151 E. Center St.	Farmer
Hill, Everett G.,	601 East Center St.	Defense Worker
Hodgson, Frederick,	92 Bedford St.	Defense Worker
Holden, Raleigh,	20 Walnut St.	Farmer
Lawson, Oliver A.,	433 Spring St.	Bank Clerk
Leonard, Charles E.,	11 Willow St.	Farmer
MacTighe, Charles,	19 Merritt St.	Chauffeur

Martin, John F., 146 S. Main St.	Chauffeur
McCarthy, Jeremiah J., 10 Beacon St.	Retired
Miner, Charles E., 37 N. Main St.	Machinist
Noyes, William W., 455 Spring St.	Oil Salesman
Peterson, James P., 57 N. Main St.	Retired
Purdy, Leonard, 121 E. Center St.	Farmer
Ryder, Arthur F., 15 Charles St.	Clerk
Savage, Raymond, 202 W. Center St.	Carpenter
Towers, Walter H., 449 North Elm St.	Clerk
Trohon, William H. 70 N. Main St.	Defense Worker

#### LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY, 1944

Henry E. Andrews	Ivan P. Carlson
Fred G. Chisholm	Norman Cogswell
Jerimiah Dansereau	George J. Duperre
Edward J. Ensher	J. Russell Hemenway
Joseph H. Kline	



**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

OF

**WEST BRIDGEWATER**

**Massachusetts**

**For the Year Ending December 31**

**1944**



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To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my annual report in accordance with Section 61, Chapter 41, General Laws, for the year ending December 31, 1944, giving a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the town and showing the amount of each specific appropriation, with statements showing the town debt and trust funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. DEAN,

Town Accountant.

# I

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1944

#### ASSETS

##### Cash:

General	66,371.88	
Library—Petty	10.00	
	<hr/>	66,381.88

##### Accounts Receivable:

##### Taxes:

##### Levy of 1944:

Poll	52.00	
Personal	1,260.91	
Real Estate	9,762.99	
	<hr/>	11,075.90

##### Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1944		220.84
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Tax Titles		1,708.81
Tax Possessions		1,386.07
Aid to Highways—Chapter 90:		
State	696.63	
County	696.63	
	<hr/>	1,393.26
Departmental:		
Health	319.29	
State Aid	220.00	
Old Age Assistance	705.17	
	<hr/>	1,244.46
Water Department:		
Rates and Services	1,734.83	
Liens, 1944	232.76	
	<hr/>	1,967.59
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		85,378.81

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:		
Purchase of War Bonds	33.25	
Federal Withholding Tax	438.48	
	<hr/>	471.73
Special Accounts:		
Westdale Improvement Society	174.76	
Surplus War Bonus Fund	540.32	
	<hr/>	715.08
Tailings	....	25.72
Fire Loss Reimbursement		750.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,707.00
Road Machinery Fund		3,966.61
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Principal:		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	250.00	
Library Trust Fund	498.53	
	<hr/>	748.53
Income:		
William J. & Anna C. Howard		
Scholarship Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	798.53

## Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children Administration	25.96
Child Welfare Service	360.25
Old Age Assistance Administration	57.49
Vocational Education	533.41

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 977.11

## Unexpended Appropriation Balance

1,741.47

## Revenues Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise	220.84
Tax Titles and Possessions	3,094.88
Departmental	1,244.46
Aid to Highways	1,393.26
Water	1,967.59

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 7,921.03

## Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1944	3,265.16
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## Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus

8,264.34

## Surplus Revenue:

General	45,479.18
Water	9,295.85

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 85,378.81

## DEBT ACCOUNT AND TRUST FUNDS

## Net Funded or Fixed Debts, Water Loan

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 4,000.00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities	74,242.56
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## William J. and Anna C. Howard

Scholarship Trust Fund	5,085.28
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Library Funds	20,931.30
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	7,470.98
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## Investment:

## Post War Rehabilitation

Fund	40,755.00
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 74,242.56

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## II

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

## RECEIPTS

## GENERAL REVENUE

## TAXES:

## Current Year:

Real Estate	\$72,741.21
Personal	11,136.15
Poll	1,852.00

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 85,729.36

## Previous Years:

Real Estate	12,973.04
Personal	1,296.05
Poll	4.79
Estate Tax Recovery	19.18
Tax Titles	1,816.65

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 16,109.71

## FROM THE STATE:

Income Tax	15,028.71
Corporations Taxes	8,980.31
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	1,053.52
Reimbursement from Loss of Taxes	54.13

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 25,116.67

## LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Liquor Licenses	805.50
Oleo and Sunday Victuallers	22.00
Pasteurizing Milk	110.00
Permits and All Other Licenses	101.50

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 1,039.00

## FINES AND FORFEITS:

Fines—Court	489.80
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## GRANTS AND GIFTS:

## From the State:

## Schools:

Massachusetts School Fund	1,288.89
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Tuition of Children	274.11	
Vocational Education	159.48	
	<hr/>	1,722.48
Highway:		
Chapter 569, Acts 1943		5,417.06
George Deen Federal Funds, Vocational		925.00
From the County:		
Dog Licenses		217.14

## PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1944	4,634.41	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1943	265.35	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1942	4.74	
	<hr/>	4,904.50

## DEPARTMENTAL

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Treasurer	129.00	
License Commissioners	2.25	
Town Clerk	2.34	
	<hr/>	133.59

## TOWN HALL:

Rent and Miscellaneous	410.68	
Wood for Public Welfare	53.00	
	<hr/>	463.68

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Sealer of Weights and Measures	28.85	
Fire	25.00	
	<hr/>	53.85

## FORESTRY:

Moth Department		75.00
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## HIGHWAYS:

State & County Joint Maintenance	673.94	
Machine Fund	69.25	
Miscellaneous	84.60	
	<hr/>	827.79

## HEALTH:

Commonwealth		282.85
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## PUBLIC WELFARE:

## Reimbursement—Temporary Aid:

State	209.28	
Individuals	411.00	
Other Cities and Towns	92.26	
	<hr/>	712.54

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

## Reimbursements:

Cities & Towns	1,052.69	
State	12,646.20	
Federal Grant	14,756.85	
Individuals	21.45	
	<hr/>	28,477.19

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES:

Federal Grant		1,827.80
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## DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

State	1,019.16	
Federal Grant	352.62	
	<hr/>	1,371.78

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:

State Aid	120.00	
War Allowance	50.00	
	<hr/>	170.00

## SCHOOLS:

Tuition		391.17
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## LIBRARY:

Fines		94.93
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE:

Water Rates	14,820.75	
Water Liens	661.52	
	<hr/>	15,482.27

## INTEREST:

Real Estate and Personal	360.52	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3.45	
Tax Title Redemption	287.75	
Charges & Fees	126.80	
	<hr/>	778.52

## AGENCY, TRUSTS AND INVESTMENTS:

## Agency:

Dog Tax	1,032.60
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## Trusts:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Withdrawn for use	124.00
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Library Trust Funds, Withdrawn for use	436.96
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## Investments—Trust Funds:

Investment Post War Rehabilitation Fund	750.00
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Library Trust Funds	409.16
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Library Trust Funds for Reinvestment	498.53
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Scholarship Trust Fund	275.00
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Cemetery Trust Funds	500.00
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Deducted for the Purchase of War Bonds	275.00
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Deducted for Federal Payroll Tax	5,119.08
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## REFUNDS:

School Retirement Fund	39.75
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## TOTAL RECEIPTS

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\$202,273.76
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## Departmental Accounts

## PAYMENTS

## MODERATOR

Appropriation	25.00
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## Expenses:

Moderator	25.00
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appropriation	15.00
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## Expenses:

Finance Committee	12.50
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	2.50
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## PRESERVING OLD RECORDS

Appropriation	50.00
Expenses:	
Preserving Old Records	24.66
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	25.34

## LAW

Appropriation	375.00
Expense:	
Law	187.50
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	187.50

## OTHER FINANCIAL OFFICES

Appropriation	25.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	25.00
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## SELECTMEN

Appropriation		900.00
Salary	430.00	
Expense	470.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	386.00	
Clerk	156.00	
Office Supplies & Postage	17.92	
Printing and Advertising	57.82	
All Other	18.70	
Servicemen's Expense	138.65	
	<hr/>	775.09
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		124.91

## ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		820.00
Expenses:		
Accountant	624.00	
Typist-Clerk	128.00	

Printing & Postage	9.68	
All Other	42.62	
	<hr/>	804.30
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 15.70

## TREASURER

Appropriation		1,350.00
Salary	800.00	
Expense	550.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	800.00	
Clerk	50.00	
Office Supplies	12.52	
Travel	74.00	
Tax Title Expense	8.10	
Stationery & Postage	142.68	
Printing	4.71	
Surety Bond	76.00	
Notary Fees	10.00	
All Other	3.00	
	<hr/>	1,181.01
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 168.99

## COLLECTOR

Appropriation		1,855.00
Salary	1,400.00	
Expense	455.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	1,400.00	
Office Supplies	24.49	
Tax Title Expense	38.00	
Stationery & Postage	103.12	
Printing	58.50	
Surety Bond	130.25	
Travel	50.00	

Notary Fees	16.25	
	<hr/>	1,820.61
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 34.39

## ASSESSORS

Appropriation		1,630.00
Salary	1,200.00	
Expense	430.00	
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Expenses:		
Salaries	939.00	
Transfer Lists and Typists	306.35	
Printing	1.00	
Travel	82.50	
Office Supplies	24.90	
Other	3.35	
	<hr/>	1,357.10
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 272.90

## TOWN CLERK

Appropriation		820.00
Salary	720.00	
Expense	100.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	720.00	
Stationery & Postage	28.06	
Printing	20.60	
Office Supplies	12.49	
Travel	14.00	
All Other	3.00	
Surety Bond	7.50	
	<hr/>	805.65
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 14.35

## ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION

Appropriation	1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	126.62

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 1,126.62

## Expenses:

Registrars	124.13
Counters, Checkers, and Observers	448.53
Annual Lists	160.52
Typist	216.00
Printed Forms	170.70
All Other	6.74
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	1,126.62

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

## TOWN HALL

Appropriation	2,725.00
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## Expenses:

Janitor	1,144.00
Telephone	173.64
Fuel	447.63
Light	245.55
Janitor's Supplies	67.74
Repairs	236.50
Water	14.00
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	2,329.06

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	395.94
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## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	3,195.00
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## Expenses:

Chief	1,746.39
Police	416.90
Special Police	91.80
Motor Equipment and Repair	253.19



Gasoline & Oil	278.91	
Stationery & Postage	28.81	
Telephone	150.55	
Equipment for men	55.52	
All Other	37.13	
Radio	100.00	
Out of State Expense	35.12	
	<hr/>	3,194.32

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue .68

#### DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	60.00
Expense:	
Dog Officer	60.00
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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	2,450.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	122.54
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	2,572.54

#### Expenses:

Chief	300.00	
Bonus	190.00	
Firemen	1,352.00	
Truck Equipment, Rep. & Supplies	216.39	
Call Station	180.00	
Supplies & Equipment	14.67	
Gasoline and Oil	76.04	
Electricity	72.85	
Telephone	120.35	
Other	12.30	
Out of State Expense	37.94	
	<hr/>	2,572.54

#### HYDRANTS

Appropriation	1,490.00
Expense:	
Hydrants	1,490.00
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## FORESTRY

## MOTH EXTERMINATION

Appropriation		2,300.00
Expenses:		
Superintendent	725.00	
Labor	972.00	
Insecticides	155.97	
Equipment and Repairs	24.35	
Gasoline & Oil	53.42	
Supplies & All Other	16.54	
Equipment Hire	64.00	
	<hr/>	2,011.28
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		288.72

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		750.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		150.00
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		900.00
Salary	300.00	
Expense	450.00	
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Expenses:		
Superintendent	350.00	
Labor	492.80	
Gasoline & Oil	21.73	
Tools & Hardware	7.20	
Truck Repair	28.27	
	<hr/>	900.00

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		100.00
Expenses:		
Sealer	67.62	
Gasoline & Oil	7.04	
Supplies	10.04	
	<hr/>	84.70
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		15.30

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Appropriation		1,875.00
Salary	50.00	
Expense	1,825.00	
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Expenses:		
Typist-Clerk	144.60	
Forms, Supplies, Stationery & Postage	7.60	
Care of Dump	86.16	
Vital Statistics	126.50	
All Other	722.80	
Visiting Nurse	300.00	
Inspection of Animals	93.21	
	<hr/>	1,480.87
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		394.13

## HIGHWAYS

## HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		10,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		61.97
	<hr/>	10,061.97
Expenses:		
Superintendent	1,430.00	
Labor	5,863.50	
Equipment Hire	462.70	
Tarvia	1,289.17	
Tools	16.20	
Sand, Gravel, etc.	816.72	
Electricity	8.25	
All Other	174.50	
	<hr/>	10,061.04
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		.93

## HIGHWAY — SPECIAL

## CHAPTER NO. 90 — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	1,000.00
From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,000.00
From the County of Plymouth	1,000.00
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	3,000.00

Expenses:	
Labor	697.40
Equipment Hire	359.39
Broken Stone and Gravel	32.14
Tarvia	1,813.38
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	2,902.31

Balance carried forward to 1945	97.69
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## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expense:	
Supplies and Repairs	259.18
Gasoline and Oil	338.96
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	598.14

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	401.86
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## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	1,500.00
Expenses:	
Labor and Snow Plows	552.48
Route No. 106	55.00
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	607.48

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	892.52
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## LAND DAMAGE

## CRESCENT STREET

1941 Balance	63.40
Balance carried forward to 1945	63.40
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## SOUTH ELM STREET

1941 Balance	3.00
Balance carried forward to 1945	3.00

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## RIVER STREET

1941 Balance	2.70
Balance carried forward to 1945	2.70

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## SPRING STREET

1941 Balance	29.45
Balance carried forward to 1945	29.45

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## NORTH ELM STREET

1941 Balance	2.40
Balance carried forward to 1945	2.40

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## WEST STREET

1941 Balance	14.00
Balance carried forward to 1945	14.00

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## WEST CENTER STREET

1941 Balance	688.20
Balance carried forward to 1945	688.20

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## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	3,793.68
Expense:	
Street Lights	3,762.48

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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	31.20
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## CHILD WELFARE SERVICE

Federal Grant	2,078.63
Expense	1,718.38

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Balance carried forward to 1945	360.25
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## CHARITIES

### PUBLIC WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		584.00
Salary	143.00	
Expense	441.00	
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Expenses:		
Salary	121.00	
General Administration	399.60	
Printing & Supplies	19.08	
Other	7.10	
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		546.78
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		37.22

### RELIEF

Appropriation		6,500.00
Expenses:		
Fuel	149.04	
Groceries	368.84	
Medicine & Medical	282.52	
Cash Grants	914.00	
Rent	345.00	
Shoes & Clothing	29.50	
All Other	125.02	
Other Cities & Towns	1,388.77	
State Institutions	549.00	
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		4,151.69
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		2,348.31

### DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		2,556.40
Federal Funds		365.46
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		2,921.86
Expenses:		
Administration	21.00	



Cash Aid	1,301.10	
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		1,573.80
Unexpended balance—Federal Balance carried forward to 1945		25.96

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		580.00
Federal Funds		508.49
	<hr/>	1,088.49

#### Expenses:

Agent	561.00	
Clerk	205.00	
Printing & Postage	28.43	
Travel	53.80	
Office Expense	30.66	
All Other	11.50	
	<hr/>	890.39

#### Unexpended balance:

Reverting to Revenue	140.61
Federal balance carried forward to 1945	57.49

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	18,000.00
Refund	21.45
Federal Fund	14,280.86
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	32,302.31

#### Expenses:

Cash Grants	30,165.98	
Funerals & Post Mortems	422.08	
Other Cities & Towns	1,100.24	
	<hr/>	31,688.30

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	614.01
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#### SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	1,650.00
Expenses:	

Clerk	260.00	
Administration Expense	20.70	
Cash	865.40	
Medical	268.08	
State Aid	220.00	
	<hr/>	1,634.18
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		<hr/> 15.82

## EDUCATION

Appropriation		59,000.00
Expenses:		
General Administration:		
Superintendent	2,466.67	
Clerk	659.96	
Truant Officer	100.00	
Stationery, Postage & Printing	183.72	
Telephone	313.46	
Traveling Expense	358.75	
School Census	45.00	
Teachers' Salaries:		
High	16,485.56	
Elementary	21,252.27	
Vocational Education	515.57	
Health:		
Nurse and Supplies	1,028.23	
Physician	300.00	
Text Books & Supplies:		
High:		
Text Books	403.30	
Supplies	703.08	
Elementary:		
Text Books	838.91	
Supplies	1,155.80	
Tuition:		
Vocational	140.45	
Transportation	3,051.50	
Janitor:		
Elementary	2,927.56	

Fuel & Light:		
Fuel	1,777.41	
Gas	132.44	
Electricity	466.15	
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Repairs	1,597.61	
Water	98.00	
Janitors' Supplies	286.75	
High, Miscellaneous Expense	1,441.32	
Other Expenses:		
Diplomas & Graduation Exercises	59.52	
	<hr/>	58,788.99
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		211.01
STATE AIDED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
SMITH-HUGHES & GEORGE DEEN FUNDS		
Federal Funds for Vocational Education		1,550.00
Expenses:		
Salary		1,016.59
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Federal balance carried forward to 1945		533.41
Special Appropriation		89.50
1940 Tuition	16.00	
Military Retirement	73.50	
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1945		33.75
LIBRARY		
Appropriation		1,320.00
Expenses:		
Maintenance:		
Salaries:		
Librarian	350.00	
Assistants	388.40	
Janitor	120.00	
Janitor's Supplies & Repair	14.73	
Books & Periodicals:		
Books	313.32	
Fuel & Light:		
Fuel	63.50	
Light	11.94	

## Other Expenses:

Supplies

56.02

1,317.91

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue

2.09

## LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

## Expenses:

Books, Periodicals and Bindings

436.96

## UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENSES
Care of Monument Grounds, Flags & Parks	850.00	731.82
Memorial & Armistice Day	200.00	140.35
County Aid to Agriculture	100.00	100.00
Town Reports	462.40	462.40
Diphtheria Clinic	75.00	75.00
Well Child Conference	50.00	50.00
Plymouth County Assessment	2,162.06	2,162.06

Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue

177.83

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	1,400.00
1943 Balance	580.07

1,980.07

## Expenses:

Janitor	803.00
Telephone	173.25
Electricity	20.12
Fuel	143.92
Janitor's Repairs and Supplies	14.93
Water	14.00
Real Estate Taxes	173.60
Miscellaneous	33.05
Call Station	119.88

1,495.75

Balance carried forward to 1945

484.32

### RATIONING BOARD

Appropriation		500.00
1943 Balance		45.53
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Expenses:		
Telephone	116.58	
Office Supplies	27.46	
Janitor	120.00	
Electricity	19.30	
Fuel	11.33	
Other	11.54	
	<hr/>	306.21
Balance carried forward to 1945		<hr/> 239.32

### INSURANCE

Appropriation		1,329.99
Transferred from Reserve Fund		3.95
		<hr/> 1,333.94
Expenses:		
Liability	782.50	
Fire	463.76	1,246.26
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		87.68

### INTEREST

Appropriation	100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	100.00

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

### WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	10,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Funds	869.00
	<hr/> 10,869.00
Salary	500.00
Expenses	9,500.00
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## Expenses:

Superintendent	477.00	
Registrars	469.80	
Labor	409.80	
Call Station	180.00	
Water	8,612.32	
Stationery, Postage & Printing	206.03	
Water Lien	12.14	
Truck Repair	72.96	
Pipe Fittings	233.32	
Gas & Oil	66.20	
Tools and Repairs	86.13	
Other	13.10	
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		10,838.80

Unexpended balance reverting to Water Receipts	30.20
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## WATER BONDS &amp; INTEREST

Appropriation		2,560.00
Expenses:		
Bonds	2,500.00	
Interest	60.00	
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		2,560.00

## CEMETERY

Appropriation	130.00
Expenses:	
Care of Cemeteries	57.50
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue	72.50

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Assessed in Tax Levy	7,432.69
Payments to the Commonwealth:	
State Tax	6,897.00
State Audit	398.60
State Parks & Reservations	137.09
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	7,432.69



## COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

Assessed in Tax Levy	5,938.06
Payments to the County:	
County Tax	5,938.06
Dog licenses paid to the County	1,697.40
Federal Withholding Tax	5,717.26
War Bond Deductions	300.00

## AGENCY &amp; TRUST INVESTMENTS

	NEW PRINCIPAL	WITH- DRAWAL	INCOME
Scholarship Fund		75.00	125.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	500.00	124.00	126.59
Library Interest Accounts		436.96	409.16
Investment New Fund	20,000.00	-	505.00
Refunds:			
Personal 1944			31.50
Motor Vehicle Excise 1944			33.44

## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	3,000.00
Refund	.93
	3,000.93
Election and Registration	126.62
Fire	122.54
Highway	61.97
Insurance	3.95
Tree Warden	150.00
	465.08
Unexpended balance reverting to Overlay Surplus	2,535.85

## III

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 1944

## RECEIPTS

REVENUE	1942	1943	1944
GENERAL REVENUE			
Taxes:			
Property	102,604.11	98,696.17	99,982.28
Poll	2,068.00	1,888.00	1,856.79
Income	14,178.00	13,014.79	15,028.71
Corporations, Etc.	2,621.45	3,296.54	9,034.44
Licenses & Permits	679.00	1,132.50	1,039.00
Fines & Forfeits	195.00	1,515.00	489.80
Grants & Gifts:			
From the State	8,960.19	2,570.35	6,470.58
From the County (Dog Licenses)	696.26	736.36	217.14
COMMERCIAL REVENUE			
Privileges:			
Motor Vehicle Excise	7,904.48	5,857.11	4,904.50
Departmental:			
General Government	520.25	499.03	597.27
Protection of Persons & Property	35.93	831.15	128.85
Health and Sanitation	—	260.71	282.85
Highways	3,325.42	1,969.55	827.79
Charities	30,653.96	31,000.27	32,389.31
Soldiers' Benefits	300.00	175.00	170.00
Schools	1,326.00	2,252.56	3,038.65
Library	83.84	83.67	94.93
Unclassified	359.45	—	—
Water Department	17,058.26	14,693.94	15,482.27
Interest	729.94	882.35	778.52
	194,219.54	181,355.05	192,813.68

## NON-REVENUE

Agency:			
County Dog Tax	907.40	967.20	1,032.60
Trust and Investment	8,857.33	4,586.29	8,387.73
Refunds	127.07	10.16	39.75
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Total Non-Revenue	9,891.80	5,563.65	9,460.08
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Total Receipts	204,491.34	186,918.70	202,273.76
Cash Balance from Previous Years	50,190.44	74,481.94	70,858.81
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	254,381.78	261,400.64	273,132.57

## PAYMENTS

## FROM REVENUE

Expenses:			
General Government	10,596.69	9,956.53	10,411.94
Protection of Persons and Property	8,985.85	9,785.67	10,312.84
Health and Sanitation	1,459.93	1,492.01	1,480.87
Highway	17,363.69	17,690.60	17,931.45
Charities	40,578.04	41,576.19	40,317.64
Soldier's Benefits	535.68	777.68	1,634.18
Schools	51,523.73	54,598.30	59,895.08
Public Library	1,641.70	1,715.88	1,754.87
Recreation	628.14	726.76	731.82
Unclassified	7,911.65	7,358.00	6,075.19
Water Department	10,734.45	9,975.85	10,838.80
Cemeteries	72.00	86.00	57.50
Interest	148.57	110.00	—
Maturing Bonds and Notes	2,740.00	2,500.00	2,560.00
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Total Expense	154,920.42	158,349.47	164,002.18

## OUTLAYS:

Highways	1,314.31	—	—
Total Outlays from Revenue	1,314.31	—	—
Total Payments from Revenue	156,234.73	158,349.47	164,002.18

## FROM NON-REVENUE

## Agency:

State Tax	8,250.00	2,750.00	6,897.00
State Parks & Reservations	119.25	89.15	137.09
State Audit	179.81	269.00	398.60
County Tax	5,627.07	5,362.98	5,938.06
Dog Licenses to County	934.00	302.40	1,697.40
Trust and Investments	8,391.28	21,141.38	21,608.16
Refunds	163.70	47.02	64.94
Payroll Deductions	—	2,220.43	6,017.26
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Total Non-Revenue	23,665.11	32,192.36	42,758.51
Total Payments	179,899.84	190,541.83	206,760.69
Cash Balance at end of year	74,481.94	70,858.81	66,371.88
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	254,381.78	261,400.64	273,132.57

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## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

## Water Loans

Date of Maturity	4% Bonds Issued 1914	1% 12 Notes Issued 1940
1944	500.00	2,000.00
1945		2,000.00
1946		2,000.00
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	500.00	6,000.00
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## PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Invested In	Jan. 1, 1943	Income Earned	Income Paid Out	December 31, 1944
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS					
Evvard-Alger	Brockton Savings Bank	203.09	3.05	4.00	202.14
Alfred E. Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	208.33	4.18	6.00	206.51
Sanford Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	50.86	1.01	1.00	50.87
William Burke	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	161.91	3.24	6.00	159.15
M. A. Clapp	Brockton Savings Bank	—	4.01	4.00	400.01
Davis Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.71	4.02	4.00	200.73
Mrs. Henry Copeland	Brockton Savings Bank	100.31	1.51	1.50	100.32
Lyman & Pardon Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	650.93	13.07	13.00	651.00
Samuel G. Copeland	Peoples' Savings Bank	200.84	3.02	3.00	200.86
Samuel G. & James Copeland	Brockton Savings Bank	1,048.59	15.78	15.00	1,049.37
Martha K. Crosby	Peoples' Savings Bank	100.06	1.50	1.50	100.06
Mary A. Dewyer	Peoples' Savings Bank	104.57	1.57	4.00	102.14
Michael Dewyer	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.23	2.01	1.50	100.74
John E. & Desire L. Gould	Brockton Savings Bank	100.52	1.51	2.00	100.03
The Hartwell Fund	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	310.68	6.23	9.00	307.91
Etta L. Hartwell	Peoples' Savings Bank	330.92	4.98	—	335.90
Frank P. Hatch	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	161.35	3.23	3.00	161.58
Julia M. Hooper	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	145.99	2.92	—	148.91
Alba Howard	Brockton Savings Bank	101.40	1.53	2.00	100.93
Isabelle Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank	100.06	1.50	1.50	100.06
S. Nelson Howard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	102.31	2.05	2.00	102.36
Samuel H. Howard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	105.52	2.11	3.00	104.63
Harriet M. Jennings	Brockton Savings Bank	104.75	1.57	3.00	103.32

Name of Fund	Invested In	Jan. 1, 1943	Income Earned	Income Paid Out	December 31, 1944
Abbie B. Jones	Brockton Savings Bank	101.53	1.53	2.00	101.06
Summer D. Keith	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	115.28	2.31	—	117.59
Warren C. Kinney	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	200.84	4.02	4.00	200.86
Henry J. LeLacheur	Brockton Savings Bank	100.31	1.51	1.50	100.32
Joshua Morse	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	109.58	2.19	—	111.77
Emma F. Packard	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	303.82	6.09	6.00	303.91
Fred A. Perkins	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.42	2.01	1.50	100.93
Rosa R. Shaw	Brockton Savings Bank	387.53	5.83	10.00	383.36
Sarah F. Shipman	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.19	2.01	1.50	100.70
Orrin A. Smith	Peoples' Savings Bank	150.08	2.26	2.00	150.34
Flora Snell	Brockton Savings Bank	—	.63	—	100.63
South Street Cemetery	Peoples' Savings Bank	91.97	1.37	—	93.34
Robert Tibbetts	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	100.07	2.01	1.50	100.58
Charles C. Thayer	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	211.84	3.18	—	215.02
Mary Elizabeth Wilson	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	201.00	4.04	4.00	201.04
		6,968.39	126.59	123.00	7,470.98
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
Cornelia Alger	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	675.00			675.00
Nathan Copeland	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	500.00			500.00
Eliza P. Dalton & Millard					
O. Dalton	Brockton Savings Bank	250.00			250.00
Mary N. K. Edgerly	North Easton Savings Bank	250.00			250.00
	U. S. Fourth Liberty Bond	250.00			250.00
Francis E. Howard	Bridgewater Savings Bank	250.00			250.00
	U. S. Fourth Liberty Bond	250.00			250.00



Name of Fund	Invested In	Jan. 1, 1943	Income Earned	Income Paid Out	December 31, 1944
William J. Howard & Anna C Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank War Bond Series G.	22.74	.34		2,523.08
Mary L. Perkins	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	2,500.00			1,000.00
Mary P. Whitman	Brockton Savings Bank	3,000.00			
	Bridgewater Savings Bank	4,000.00			
	E. Bridgewater Sav. Bank	4,000.00			15,000.00
	Peoples' Savings Bank	4,000.00			
		20,947.74	.34		20,948.08
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
Interest Acct. No. 1	Brockton Savings Bank	374.79	271.70	308.60	337.89
Interest Acct. No. 2	Brockton Savings Bank	136.08	137.61	128.36	145.33
		510.87	409.31	436.96	483.22
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND					
William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard	Peoples' Savings Bank War Bond Series G.	234.02	1.26	150.00	85.28
		5,000.00			5,000.00
		5,234.02	1.26	150.00	5,085.28
POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND					
Series G. War Bonds Investment Income		Securities Par Value	Cash	Income Dec. 31, 1944	Total Dec. 31, 1944
		40,000.00		250.00	40,755.00
				505.00	
		40,000.00	250.00	505.00	40,755.00

## STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. James A. Hemenway, Chairman  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of West Bridgewater for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston  
Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of West Bridgewater for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1944, the following report being submitted thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts

were verified by comparison with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments making the original charges. The disbursements as recorded were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the payments as shown by the treasurer's books.

The appropriations and transfers as shown by the records of the town clerk and the finance committee were checked to the accountant's ledger. The ledger accounts were analyzed, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1944. This balance sheet indicates that the town is in excellent financial condition.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, while the payments by the treasurer were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The treasurer's cash balance on January 6, 1945, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by verification of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income and withdrawals being verified.

The tax titles on hand were examined and listed, the amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's books, the redemptions were verified, and the out-

standing tax titles were reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and reconciled with the warrants issued for their collection. The collector's cash books were footed, the payments to the treasurer by the collector were checked to the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' and the water commissioners' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The departmental accounts receivable outstanding according to the previous examination were audited, and all subsequent charges were proved. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding tax, departmental, and water accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and to the town were verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and the library department were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit, co-operation was received from all the town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1944.

### *Maintenance*

I have gone through the same routine as in the past years scraping and gravel patching the few gravel roads that still remain in Town. I have also done a great deal of Tarvia patching on the black roads.

The following streets were Tarvia Seal coated:

Sand Street, the entire length; 600 feet of this road was rebuilt and the grade of the road was raised over two feet and then a black top was applied. Pleasant Street about 500 feet. Scotland Street about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one mile. Bryant Street 200 feet in length. Walnut Street was black topped for a distance of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile making the road a black top road the entire length. Manley Street for a distance of 300 feet. Forest Street was built and a black top applied for a distance of  $\frac{4}{10}$  of a mile.

All drains and catch basins were taken care of. Many stop and traffic lines were painted on the black roads; also, a great many signs and fences were repainted and rebuilt.

We have carted a great deal of gravel on Francis Avenue hoping to put a black top on this street this year.



*Chapter 90*

Under Chapter 90, the Highway crew has seal coated West Street from the Easton Line to the line where the Town Farm was formerly located.

On East Center Street a mixed in place stone and Tarvia road was laid; also, shoulders were dug out and refilled with gravel making the 18 foot road a 24 foot road.

Above is a summary of the work done by the department but it is impossible to give an account of all of the work which has been done.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, department heads and laborers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. TUCKER,

Superintendent.

## **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

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Because of war-time restrictions, there were no barns inspected in 1944.

Twenty-eight trips were made for routine rabies check-ups after dog bite.

There were no slaughtering licenses issued during 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID DAILEY,

Inspector of Animals.

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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The financial transactions of the Town for the year 1944 may be briefly summarized as follows:

Cash on hand, January 1, 1944	\$ 70,868.81
Cash on hand, December 31, 1944	66,371.88
Received from Collector	120,899.96
Received from other sources	81,373.80
Total Receipts	\$202,273.76
Payments during the year 1944	\$206,760.69
Payments on Water Bonds	500.00
Payments on Water Notes	2,000.00
Payments of interest on Water Bonds and Notes	60.00
Outstanding Water Notes December 31, 1944	4,000.00
Tax Title Accounts December 31, 1944	1,708.81
Tax Title Redemptions	1,471.65
Tax Title Partial Payments	295.00
Tax Title Added Interest	279.28
Tax Title Releases	126.00
Total Tax Title Receipts	\$ 2,171.93
Purchased U. S. War Bonds, Series G.	
Rehabilitation Fund	20,000.00
Added cemetery trust funds	
Flora M. Snell Care of Joseph Vosmus Lots—Pleasant Hill Cemetery	100.00
Myra A. Clapp, Care of Woodward Lot—Pleasant Hill Cemetery	400.00

The report of the expense of the Treasurer's office, and a detailed account of the Library Trust Funds, the Cemetery Trust Funds, the Scholarship Trust Fund and the Rehabilitation Funds may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVIS F. KINNEY,

Town Treasurer.

## REPORT OF RATIONING BOARD

### Annual Report—1944

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In 1944 your local rationing board continued the broad general pattern of activity carried on during 1943. The only real change in personnel was the loss of the services of our able Chairman, J. Russell Hemenway, who left for higher service with Uncle Sam's Navy, and the choosing of Raleigh A. Holden from among our members to take his place. Also, Horace E. Swann, was transferred from the regular Board onto the Price Panel as Chairman, and Mrs. Charles Gardner, and Mr. Henry E. Andrews were elected as Price Panel Assistants.

During the year several items, such as Automobile Tubes, Bicycles, and Typewriters were removed from the rationing list, but since there were but few calls for such items, it made little difference in our work. As you all know, we were plagued during most of the year by the scarcity of tires, but our greatest headaches still continued in the gasoline field. As far as we know, no one in town suffered from lack of fuel oil. Price Control activities were greater than during 1943, but since we are primarily a residential and farming community, the work has not been extensive. In all our activities we have tried to be fair with everybody in carrying out the purposes for which we were appointed, and if at times we have seemed to be gruff and unsympathetic or unfair, we have not been that way intentionally. If you have troubles, come and tell them to us at our Board meetings on Tuesday evenings from seven to eight p. m.

Toward the end of the year, along with our neighboring communities, the actual mailing out of the gasoline coupons was transferred to the Brockton Mailing Center. This gives us an additional

reason to urge you to have your gasoline applications in our hands two or three weeks before the expiration date.

Again we wish to thank the town officials, the school system, the garages, and stores, and last but by no means least, all the residents of our town and all others who have cooperated with us and helped us in our trying task.

Respectfully submitted,

RALEIGH A. HOLDEN,

Chairman.

L. MERRILL CASWELL

WALTER C. DUNBAR

JAMES A. KEHOE

SHERMAN A. PERKINS

HORACE E. SWANN



## **REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND SUPERINTENDENT OF GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

I herewith submit my annual Report for the year 1944.

In regard to the gypsy moth, we find the infestation greater than it was last year. In the center of the town it is very light, but in the wood land it is very heavy. We have sprayed all the trees on the roadside and also scouted for egg clusters all over town and have creosoted all that we have found.

As Tree Warden, we had a very difficult year; with two hurricanes we had more than the usual amount of work. However, with full cooperation of the Highway Department we were able to clean the Town in very good time. There were a large number of limbs broken; also many trees were blown down and uprooted. We are still finding some trees whose limbs were cracked. It will take a long time for the trees to recover from the damage.

Respectfully submitted,

**CHRISTOPHER READ,**

**Tree Warden and**

**Moth Superintendent.**

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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During the year 1944 there were 62 reportable diseases sent to the Board of Health as follows:

	1944	1943
Chicken Pox	23	43
Dog Bite	4	6
Erysipelas	1	0
German Measles	8	117
Measles	11	40
Meningitis	1	1
Influenza	0	2
Malaria	0	1
Mumps	3	44
Pneumonia, Lobar	0	1
Scarlet Fever	8	3
Whooping Cough	3	39
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It is gratifying to note that there were only fifty-eight cases of contagious diseases in the community in 1944, as compared with 1943, when we had 290 cases, and as the previous year the majority were school children.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held at the Town Hall in May of this year, under the direction and cooperation of the Board of Health, and assisted by the School Nurse. I gave three inoculations, three weeks apart, of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin, to forty-four children. There were no reaction, results satisfactory.

I have made inspections of the sanitary conditions of all the school buildings, rooms and lavatories and have found them in accord with the requirements of the Board of Health.

It is the opinion of the State Board of Health that too little attention is being paid to the seriousness of communicable diseases, and by so doing, expose other children to infection, not only infection but serious complications of diseases and even death to some other child.

Please report a case as soon as it is determined, to the Board of Health and take restrictive methods to stop the spread of the disease. Observe quarantine rules strictly.

A. O. BELMORE, M. D.

Health Officer.

JAMES A. HEMENWAY,

Chairman.

WILLIAM W. NOYES

FRED G. CHISHOLM

Board of Health.

## A "WELL-CHILD CONFERENCE" FOR CHILDREN FROM 6 MONTHS TO 6 YEARS

Held June 20 to 24, 1944

75 were examined  
18 were not defective  
21 repeaters  
112 defects were found  
52 had received diphtheria toxoid  
22 needed dental care  
14 had faulty eating habits

- 13 had throat defects
- 3 had heart murmurs
- 7 had poor nutrition
- 1 had rickets
- 4 had tantrums

Bed wetting, nail biting, thumb sucking were personality defects.

Since then seventy-seven follow-up home visits have been made.

18 children entered school of whom 12 had had dental care.

- 3 had tonsils removed
- 20 made calls to their doctor
- 18 were vaccinated

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. HEWITT, R. N.

To the Board of Health  
West Bridgewater

I hereby submit my report as State Field Nurse in West Bridgewater from August 8, 1944 to December 31, 1944.

Visits made are as follows:

Infants (under 1 year of age)	176
Pre-school (1-5 years, incl.)	41
Adult Hygiene (18 years of age and over)	14
Antepartum	12
Postpartum	25
Ineffective	28

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May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your cooperation and interest in my program.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED L. FOSTER  
State Department of Public Health  
Boston, Massachusetts

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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At the close of the year, 1944, our outstanding Taxes and Water Rates were the lowest they have been since 1934.

At the present time the outstanding Taxes and Water Rates were as follows:

1944	
Poll Tax	\$ 54.00
Real Estate	9995.75
Personal	1260.91
Motor Vehicle	220.84
Water Rates	1734.83

I do not attribute this condition to any one thing, but believe it is the result of several, namely; personal relationship between the Tax Payer and this Office, every citizen is Tax Conscious, cooperation of the Mortgagees, and some of our people are receiving living wages.

It is true our Town is a farming district, but this group as a whole have showed an improvement from a Tax Collector's standpoint.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. DUNBAR,

Tax Collector.



## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

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Total Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting March 20, 1944	\$174,140.97
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Total Appropriations made since 1943 rate was fixed	174,140.97
State Tax 1944	6,897.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax 1944	137.09
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	398.60
County Tax 1944 including over-estimate for 1943	6,149.13
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	2,162.06
Overlay	4,308.40

Total Amount to be raised	194,193.25
Less Total Estimated Receipts	56,130.32

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138,062.93

Less:

Over-estimate on State Parks and Reservations Tax	4.00	
And Amounts taken from Available Funds	40,000.00	40,004.00

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40,004.00

98,058.93

Less Poll Taxes (1164 at \$2.00)	2,328.00
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### NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES

ON PROPERTY	95,730.93
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Property Taxes Assessed Subsequently	177.80
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Poll Taxes Assessed Subsequently	60.00
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## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons, Partnerships, Corporations, etc., assessed:	
On Personal Estate only	47
On Real Estate only	914
On Both Personal and Real Estate	152
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Total Number Assessed	1,113
Number of Male Polls Assessed	1,164
Value of Assessed Personal Estate:	
Stock in Trade	\$ 10,100.00
Machinery	269,735.00
Live Stock	117,617.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	44,575.00
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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	442,027.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:	
Land	669,485.00
Buildings	2,307,450.00
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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	2,976,935.00
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL ASSESSED PROPERTY	3,418,962.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000	28.00
Tax for all purposes spread as follows:	
On Polls	2,328.00
On Personal Estate	12,376.76
On Real Estate	83,354.17
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TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED	98,058.93
Number of Horses Assessed	75
Number of Cows Assessed	824
Number of Yearlings, Bulls and Heifers Assessed	147

Number of Swine Assessed	44
Number of Sheep Assessed	20
Number of Fowl Assessed	34,752
Number of Goats Assessed	16
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	9,055.84
Number of Dwellings Assessed	904

## EXEMPTED PROPERTY

### REAL ESTATE

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater	\$107,250.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society	15,500.00
Baptist Society	6,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Society	8,325.00
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston	24,100.00
Sunset Avenue Congregational Society	4,700.00
Unitarian Society	13,500.00
Cemeteries (Privately owned)	4,540.00
Town Hall and Lot	15,500.00
Fire Station	2,000.00
Highway Building and Lot	9,500.00
Library	3,400.00
School Department (Land and buildings)	66,100.00
Parks	8,800.00
Cemeteries (Town owned)	600.00
Various Lots owned by Town	5,265.00
Property of Commonwealth	2,523.00
Total Value Exempted Real Estate	<hr/> 298,303.00

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Trustees of the Howard Funds in West Bridgewater	7,000.00
Old Bridgewater Historical Society	8,000.00

## Town of West Bridgewater:

Water Department	\$152,000.00
Fire Department	15,000.00
Library	8,000.00
School Department	7,000.00
Highway Department	4,000.00
Town Hall and Offices	3,000.00
Moth Department	2,000.00
Police Department	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	250.00
Tree Warden	100.00

Total Value Exempted Personal Property	206,850.00
TOTAL VALUE ALL EXEMPTED PROPERTY	505,153.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	NO. OF CARS	VALUE	EXCISE
1st Commitment, Feb. 8, 1944	132	\$ 19,440.	\$ 698.78
2nd Commitment, May 2, 1944	697	78,630.	2,823.80
3rd Commitment, Sept. 5, 1944	251	39,310.	1,185.87
4th Commitment, Sept. 25, 1944	30	4,550.	92.35
5th Commitment, Dec. 22, 1944	40	3,480.	80.99
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	1,150	\$145,410.	\$4,881.79
Average Value Assessed per Car			\$126.44
Average Excise per Car			\$4.25

ROBERT G. DEAN  
 WILLIAM W. PHILLIPS  
 ALBERT A. HOWARD  
 Board of Assessors.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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In compliance with the State Law, I herewith submit my Annual Report of the work done as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1944.

I have visited all the various places in Town known to have weighting or measuring devices and have sealed or condemned the same.

The following is a list of the work done:

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Platform Scales	8	21	1
Counter Scales	8	17	
All other Scales	1	17	1
Avoirdupois Weights		54	
Liquid Measures		9	
Gasoline Meters		17	1
Kerosene Pumps		1	
Oil Measures Pumps		1	
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	17	137	3

Fees received and paid to Treasurer	\$28.85
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DOUGLAS EATON,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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The year 1944 has been another year of national effort to win the war. Your Board of Selectmen has cooperated in every respect with this effort.

Hundreds of our boys and girls are giving their services to the nation in the Armed Forces. Your Board is sincerely interested in their welfare now and upon their return home.

The auditors have been over the accounts and compliment the Town on the fine records and financial condition.

Your Board would normally have several recommendations to offer at the Town Meeting, but due to restrictions these must be held over until the end of the war.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the several departments and the citizens of the Town for their splendid co-operation during the year.

Signed

JAMES A. HEMENWAY  
WILLIAM W. NOYES  
FRED G. CHISHOLM

Selectmen of West Bridgewater.



## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1944.

Appropriation	\$3,195.00
Payments	3,194.32
Balance	.68
Court fines returned to the Town	464.80
Stolen property recovered	1,552.75
Complaints and Investigations	154
Automobile Violations	252
Automobile Violations turned over to Registry	58
Automobile Violations on file	156
The following cases were disposed of according to the cases:	
Automobile violators of executive order number 35	22
Operating under the influence of liquor	2
Operating so as to endanger	5
Operating without license	1
Attaching plates unlawfully	1
Failing to stop at stop sign	5
Failing to slow at intersection	2
Violation of probation	3
Assault and battery dangerous weapon	2
Assault with dangerous weapon in attempt to rob	2
Statutory rape	1
Fornication	1
Lewd persons	3
Fugitive from justice	1
Robbery	1
Larceny of automobile	1

Manslaughter	1
Drunkenness	6
Disturbance	5
Admitted to the insane hospital	1
Assault and battery	4
Escaped prisoner from State Farm apprehended	1
Delinquency by running away from home	3
Malicious mischief by setting fires	2
Larceny	6

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Automobile accidents	14
Automobile accidents persons injured taken to doctor	2
Automobile accidents persons injured taken to hospital	2
Automobile and bicycle accidents	1
Automobile and bicycle accidents persons killed	1
Persons ill taken to hospital	15
Persons injured taken to hospital	7
Suicide	1
Missing persons located	4
Fire alarms answered by police	37
Fires reported by police	2
Number plates returned to Registry	1
Summons served for other Departments	5
Investigations with other Departments	8
Emergency communications delivered	7
Investigations made out of Town	6
Arrests made out of Town	4
Road hazards reported	2
Street lights out and reported	11
Automobile transfer papers given out and received	101

The police car has traveled 22,461 miles in performance of duty.

I sincerely wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Selectmen and to all others who have cooperated with the Department.

I sincerely wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary Police Department for its cooperation.

DOUGLAS EATON,

Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my Annual Report of the West Bridgewater Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1944.

### VALUE LOSSES AND INSURANCE PAID

Assessor's value of buildings	\$32,650.00
Insurance on buildings	44,365.00
Estimated loss on buildings	3,490.00
Insurance paid on buildings	3,458.00
Estimated value contents	13,700.00
Insurance on contents	14,300.00
Estimated loss on contents	1,665.00
Insurance Paid on contents	71.50

### CALLS ANSWERED

Frame buildings	25
Grassland (32 acres)	22
Brush and woodland (42 acres)	31
Automobiles	8
Dumps	6
Rubbish	20
Cat in tree	1
Aid calls	2
Total calls answered	115

## PERMITS

Oil Burner	7
Gas storage	2
Open Air Fires	163

The department has traveled 735 miles, pumped 65¼ hours, laid 33,475 feet booster hose, 3250 feet 2½ inch hose, 750 feet 1½ inch hose, raised 374 feet ladders and used 75 gallons of chemicals.

## APPARATUS

One 500 gallon triple combination Buffalo Equipment on Diamond T chassis, purchased in 1937.

One 500 gallon triple combination (Maxim) purchased in 1924.

One Chevrolet combination with 120 gallon water tank and pump used to extinguish grass and woods fires. Built in 1938 by the Fire Department.

This is a 1931 chassis given to us from a junk pile and had been over 200,000 miles. Should be replaced with new chassis this year if possible.

One 12 foot boat and trailer presented to the Town by the American Legion for emergencies.

## CALL FORCE

The Call Force consists of one chief, one acting deputy chief, one captain, three acting captains and fifteen privates.

## FIRE ALARM AND EMERGENCY SIGNAL

Siren and tapper system tested daily except Sundays.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE

CHIEF	4137	STATION	4137
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## ATTENTION — STATE LAW

No fuel oil burner shall be installed and no fuel oil in excess of ten gallons shall be kept or stored in any building or other structure without a written permit having been obtained from the Marshall, providing that the building is used for habitation such permit must be obtained from the Head of Fire Department.

All open air fires require a written permit from Cheif of Fire Department.

To keep your fire losses small, call your Fire Department immediately upon discovering a fire in a building, grassland or woodland.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and all others who have in any way helped the Fire Department.

To the members of the Department I want to say thanks for your cooperation and good work.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. BOURNE,  
Chief of Fire Department.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### TRUSTEES

	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ada M. Wood	1942	1945
Basil M. Soule	1942	1945
Robert G. Dean	1943	1946
Martha B. Mason	1943	1946
Winfield C. Leavitt	1944	1947
Jane Bartlett	1944	1947

### BOOK COMMITTEE

Martha B. Mason	Ada M. Wood
Jane Bartlett	Basil M. Soule

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Basil M. Soule

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## Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library of the town of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit the report of the Librarian for the year ending December 31, 1944.

We are pleased to find a slight increase in our circulation mainly in elementary school circulation and adult fiction.

Under improvements we purchased a new two drawer oak card filing cabinet and an indoor thermometer.

We continue to disperse books left at the library for the armed forces. This year, patrons have donated 91 books, making a total of 864 books sent away since the drive for books began in 1942.

The staff and several of the trustees attended an instructive meeting of the Old Colony Library Club held in the Norwood Library in the fall.

We thank our trustees for their continued helpfulness and the kindness of our patrons and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN M. MURDOCK,  
Librarian.

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#### STATISTICS FOR 1944

Circulation	
Adult Fiction	11,096
Adult Non-Fiction	2,352
Juvenile Books	8,721
Magazines	2,715
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	24,884
Gain for the year 926	
Books added by Purchase—Adult	200
Books added by Purchase—Juvenile	98
Books added by gifts	13
One set of 27 volumes	

## SCHOOL CIRCULATION

Elementary Fiction	2,248
Elementary Non-Fiction	1,236
Magazines	63
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Total	3,547
Secondary Fiction	175
Secondary Non-Fiction	294
Magazines	15
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Total	484
Total Elementary	3,547
Total Secondary	484
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School Total	4,031
Gain	1,337

## NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY IN 1944

*Fiction*

Bedford Village	Allen
All in Good Time	Allis
Frosia	Almedinger
Queen of Spades	Bailey, H. C.
Change of Heart	Baldwin
He Married a Doctor	Baldwin
Heart's Haven	Bassett
Old Mrs. Camelot	Bennett
Fighting Four	Brand
What Became of Anna Bolton	Bromfield
Till Death Do Us Part	Carr
Knoll Island	Chamberlain

Saint on Guard	Charteris
American Home	Chase
Dark Street	Cheyney
You Can't Keep the Change	Cheyney
Death Comes As the End	Christie
Toward Zero	Christie
Lone Star Treasure	Cole
Valley of Revenge	Cole
Maverick Canyon	Colt
Renegade Cowboy	Colt
Smoke Wagon Kid	Colt
Fourways	Colver
Jack in the Box	Connington
Ride with Me	Costain
Amethyst Spectacles	Crane
Applegreen Cat	Crane
The Green Years	Cronin
Cane—Patch Mystery	Cunningham
Dead Man's Float	Dean
Building of Jalna	DeLaRoche
Cleric's Secret	Deeping
Mischief in the Lane	Derlith
He Wouldn't Kill Patience	Dickson
O Distant Star	Doner
Journal of Madame Giovanni	Dumas
Escape the Night	Eberhart
Busted Range	Ermine
King Liveth	Farnol
Midnight Round-Up	Field
Smoking Iron	Field
Best American Short Stories 1943—1944	Foley (Ed)
All for a Lady	Ford
Dirigo Point	Foster
Passage to India	Foster

Thundering Trail	Fox
Case of the Crooked Candle	E. S. Gardner
The D. A. Calls It Murder	E. S. Gardner
Mom Counted Six	M. Gardner
Bermuda Calling	Garth
Green Dolphin Street	Goudge
Aces Wild at Golder Eagle	Gregory
Wilderness Trek	Grey
At the Same Time Tomorrow	Grieg
Lost Island	Hall
Michael Shayne's Long Chance	Halliday
Murder and the Married Virgin	Halliday
Bugles in the Afternoon	Haycox
Homes Hill	Hayes
Silver Crescent	Heath
It Happened on Halfaday Creek	Hendryx
Bell for Adano	Hersey
Young Mrs. Brand	Hichens
More Than Conqueror	Hill
Time for Singing Birds	Hill
I Never Left Home	Hope
Mother Went Mad on Monday	Hueston
Time Must Have a Stop	Huxley
Stand On a Rainbow	Innis
Walsh Girls	Janeway
Case of the Dowager Etchings	King
Affair of the Dead Stranger	C. Knight
Intrigue for Empire	C. Knight
Design in Diamonds	K. M. Knight
Trumpet to Arms	Lancaster
Four Jills in a Jeep	Landis
Bugles in Her Heart	Larrimore
Steep Ascent	Lindbergh
Horsethief Creek	Lomax

Rusty Guns	Lomax
Saddle Hawks	Lomax
Keepers of the Faith	Loring
Joseph the Provider	Mann
Kitty	R. Marshall
Razor's Edge	Maugham
Little Coquette	McCormack
Crazy Weather	McNicols
Last Lover	Miller
Wedding Day	Moser
Wild Horse Shorty	Nye
High Tide at Noon	Ogilvie
No Gifts from Chance	Pedler
Hackberry Cavalier	Perry
Colcorton	Pope
Leaning Tower	Porter
Conqueror Inn	Punshon
Courage Stout	Raine
Death Invades the Meeting	Rhode
Men Die at Cypress Lodge	Rhode
Alibi for Isabel	Rinehart
Labyrinth	Roberts
Getley's Gold	Robertson
Bimbashi Baruk of Egypt	Rohmer
Sailor Take Warning	Roos
Time for Each Other	Runbeck
The Pass	Savage
Dr. Ellison's Decision	Seifert
Girl Interne	Seifert
Dragonwyck	Seton
Cluny Brown	Sharp
Pastoral	Shute
Horsethief Pass	Snow
Boston Adventure	Stafford



Listening Valley	Stevenson
Two Mrs. Abbotts	Stevenson
Malloy of the Royal Mounted	Stoddard
By Valour and Arms	Street
Mongrel Mettle	Stuart
Yankee Stranger	Thane
Five Bullets	Thayer
Growing Up	Thirkell
Reunion on Strawberry Hill	Thorpe
Mystery of Swordfish Reef	Upheld
Mrs. Applegate's Affair	Van de Water
Winter Wheat	Walker
Corpse Without a Clue	Walling
Meddling Maverick	West
Northwest Patrol	S. White
Peter Domanig	V. White
Leave Her to Heaven	Williams
Port of Missing Men	Wren
An Eye for a Tooth	Yates

### *Non-Fiction*

Album of American History	Adams
Green Continent (South America)	Arciniegas
Basic History	Beard
Clementine in the Kitchen	Beck
America (Poem)	Benet
Treasury of American Folklore	Botkin
Yankee from Olympus	Bowen
World of Washington Irving	Brooks
To All Hands	Brown
Boys in Men's Shoes	Burroughs
Mainstays of Maine	Coffin
Pottery and Porcelain	Cox
Jan Smuts	Crafford

Primer of American Antiques	Dreppard
Silly Girl	Enters
What is Music	Erskine
Plowman's Folly	Faulkner
Fun With Flowers	Ferguson
Great Time to be Alice —	Fosdick
Good Night, Sweet Prince (J. Barrymore)	Fowler
Coming Down the Wye	Gibblings
McGaw of the Giants	Graham
Ten Years in Japan	Grew
Alaska and the Canadian Northwest	Griffin
Exploring the Dangerous Trades	Hamilton
Yankees Were Like This	Holton
Charles Lamb and His Friends	Howe
Bride in the Solomons	Johnson
How Dear to My Heart	Kimbrough
Lake Huron	Landon
Anna and the King of Siam	Landon
Making of Modern China	Lattimore
Planing and Producing Posters —	Lemos
Siberia	Lengyel
U. S. War Aims	Lippmann
Nine Lives with Grandfather	Longstreet
Ladies, Now and Then	Manning
Best Plays of 1943—1944	Mantle
I Remember, I Remember	Maurois
Miracle of America	Maurois
Roses of the World	McFarland
Eisenhower, Man and Soldier	Miller
You're Only Human Once	Moore
Lake Superior	Nute
Sewing for the Home	Picken
Treasury of Best Loved Poems	Polling
Lake Michigan	Quaife

Curtain Rises	Reynolds
Netherlands	Riemens
Oklahoma	Rogers
Wingate's Raiders	Rolo
Joy of Cooking	Rombauer
Fitting Habitation	Rothery
Persons and Places	Santayana
Literary England	Sherman
Revive Your Old Furniture	Sloane
People on Our Side	Snow
I Retire to Cape Cod	Farbel
Guadalcanal Diary	Tregaskis
Treasury of Great Poems	Untermeyer
Time for Decision	Welles
Introducing Africa	Wells
Invasion	Wertenbaker
Heart of New Hampshire	Weygandt
Thesaurus of the Arts	Wier
Middle America (Central America)	Wilson
Understanding New Zealand	Wood
Biographical Dictionary	
Garden Guide	
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## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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Work of the Department was very much curtailed during the year 1944 due to conditions brought on by the war which makes materials scarce for use in this Department.

There was a small amount of construction and a few new services installed in farms and dairy plants. Many of the old services were cleaned and repaired.

Due to the present government regulations, it is impossible for the Water Department to make any new extentions, until materials are released for civilian purposes.

The equipment of the Water Department remains in good condition at the close of the year and there is a reasonable supply of tools on hand.

The usual work of repairing leaks on hydrants, mains and services, and maintaining the old lines was carried on.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE SOUSA,  
Superintendent.

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE 1944**

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All members of the Extension Service staff devoted an ever-increasing portion of time directly and indirectly in promoting the production and preservation of food. County Agricultural, Home Demonstration, and 4-H Club Agents were united in their Food Production Program. This has been one of the most difficult seasons for our farm people in Plymouth County, the weather being the chief factor with which we had to contend. Crops were greatly reduced, particularly cranberries which had one of the smallest crops in the history of the industry. The hay crop for our dairy farmers is also in this category, and vegetable farms also suffered severely.

Labor has been very acute, but through the funds made available through the War Food Administration, the Farm Labor Program was turned over to the Extension Service. Under this program, 235 Jamaicans were imported to assist the cranberry industry, and 13 Newfoundland laborers were imported to help our dairy farmers. The total recruitment of workers, including boys and girls, and the above, numbered 696. The Farm Labor Program is cleared through the County Agricultural Agent's office.

Another wartime activity which required an increasing amount of time was the investigation of Selective Service cases, and during the past year 1016 cases were investigated and reported to the Local Selective Service Boards.

The County Agents participated in 251 meetings during the past year ranging from project meetings such as cranberry, poultry, dairy, forestry, market gardening, to committee meetings, and many other meetings in which we appeared on the program.

The County Staff on the request of the Governor continued the local Food Production and Preservation Program in each town in the county. An active committee was established in each town, and made a definite contribution to the war effort in promoting home food production in Plymouth County. These local committees should be highly commended for the time and effort that they gave freely to this food program.

The Home Department continued to stress Conservation of food, clothing home furnishings, and equipment, during 1944. Sewing machine Clinics were held in the various towns throughout the county. At these meetings 242 homemakers learned to thoroughly clean and adjust their machines. Follow-up meetings taught better use of the sewing machines with emphasis on use of attachments.

447 homemakers attended slip cover demonstrations, which had been preceded by a lesson on the repair of spring-unit cushions. Due to poor growing conditions less vegetable canning was done in Plymouth County during 1944, than in 1943. However, meetings on food preservation were conducted in all sections of the county, and many individual problems were answered by the agents from the office and while making home service calls.

So long as the nation is at war, Conservation is destined to be the basis of all the teaching done by the Home Department, and they are proud of the contribution the homemakers make to the national conservation program.

In accordance with the all-over Extension program, the 4-H Department placed emphasis in 1944 on conservation. "Feed a



Fighter or More in '44" was the slogan adopted by the club members for their food production and preservation program. Weather conditions, however, were against the members and gardens did not produce as much as last year. Because the home gardeners were not successful, the canning club members did not preserve as much as in 1943.

The sheep project which was new to Plymouth County proved to be very successful. Sheep shows at the fairs attracted much attention, and were instrumental in securing new enrollments in the project.

4-H Town Committees were organized by the club agents in several towns throughout the county. The duty of the committees is to head-up club work in their respective towns. Such an organization leads to a very successful 4-H program within the community.

In line with a proposed program for young people, help has been given to older youth groups by the agents. The 4-H Service Club, which has been inactive since the war began, was also re-organized.

## **West Bridgewater Civilian Defense Committee – January 1, 1945**

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The Civilian Defense Committee is very happy to report to the town that State and National Headquarters, as well as those responsible for our armed forces, feel that there is no longer a need for the active operation of the local report centers.

This does not mean that the entire organization can be abandoned, however. Warning centers in the several districts are being retained with a reduced personnel. Telephones have been placed on "suspended service", but the entire warning system is ready for instant service at a word from Headquarters.

All cities and towns have been requested to maintain their organizations on an inactive basis during the balance of the war period.

The local committee has curtailed activity in compliance with the wishes of State and National Headquarters.

Two telephones at our report center have been put on "suspended service". Federal telephone extensions have been handled in the same manner and the cost of the call station has been eliminated.

The local committee believes that the report center should be retained and have set up a joint budget, with the ration board, to cover the cost of operating the building during the present year. This budget includes the following items:

Janitor's Salary	\$ 923.00
Electricity	40.00

Fuel	150.00
Water	14.00
Taxes	200.00
Office Supplies	50.00
Janitor's Supplies	15.00
Insurance	21.20
Miscellaneous	60.44
Telephone	150.00
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	\$1623.64

During the past year the two groups spent \$1801.96, out of an appropriation of \$2525.60, leaving a balance of \$723.64. We are requesting an appropriation of \$900, which, together with the unexpended balance, meets the budget figures.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee

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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
AND  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
OF THE TOWN OF  
**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
FOR THE YEAR  
**1944**

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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### MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clare E. Parker, Chairman	Term Expires 1946
James A. Kehoe	Term Expires 1945
Roger F. Tracy	Term Expires 1945
A. Philip Erbeck	Term Expires 1946
Mrs. Ruth Caswell	Term Expires 1947
Sherman H. Perkins	Term Expires 1947

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles G. Taylor

Office: Howard High School      Telephone Brockton 5094

Residence: 135 North Elm Street      Telephone Brockton 2221-W

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Adolor O. Belmore, M. D.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lillian M. Hewitt

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Douglas Eaton

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1945

Winter Term	January 2 to February 16, inclusive
Spring Term	February 26, to April 13, inclusive
Summer Term	April 23 to June 15, inclusive
Fall Term	September 5 to December 21, inclusive

## SCHOOLS CLOSED ON

March 30—Good Friday  
May 30—Memorial Day  
October 12—Columbus Day  
October 19—Teachers Convention  
November 12—for Armistice Day  
November 21 (at noon) 22, 23—Thanksgiving Holidays

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 1, 1944

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Center	27	18	15	32	26	46	39	41	234
Sunset Avenue	20	19	14	12	13	18	8	12	116
Cochesett	10	10	12	7	12				51
Matfield	8	6	5						19
Jerusalem	1	8	3	3	5				20
Totals	66	61	49	54	56	64	47	53	450
High School					IX 55	X 56	XI 45	XII 29	Total 185
Total—High and Elementary									635



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Expenditures 1944	Estimated 1945
1. Administration	3977.02	4295.00
2. Instruction		
Salaries	37792.83	40344.00
Books & Supplies	2878.47	3000.00
3. Operation		
Janitors	2927.56	3075.00
Fuel	1777.41	1800.00
Supplies)	228.92)	
Light)	472.57)	
Gas)	129.22)	950.00
Water)	98.00)	
4. High School Operation	1441.32	1500.00
5. Maintenance	1652.18	1800.00
6. Auxiliary Agencies		
Library	84.40	300.00
Health	1359.73	1450.00
Tuition	140.45	300.00
Transportation	3051.50	3090.00
Misc. Exp.	143.28	150.00
Teachers Retirement	Spec. Approp.)	37.00
(Military Service)		
7. Vocational Education	634.13	1130.00
Grand Total	58788.99	63221.00
Appropriation	59000.00	
Balance	211.01	

## Reimbursements:

Chapter 70, Part I	4272.00
Superintendent's Salary and Transportation	1288.89
Vocational Education	159.48
State and City Ward Tuition	665.28

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Total Reimbursement	6385.65
Total Expenditures	58788.99

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Net Operation Cost to Town for 1944	52403.34
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## Household Arts:

Balance from 1943	625.00
Federal Grant (George-Deen Funds)	925.00

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Total	1550.00
Expended	1016.59

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Balance (Available for 1945)	533.41
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## TO THE CITIZENS OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

## TEACHER'S SALARIES

Again this year your committee is confronted with the problem of securing and maintaining a good teaching staff. In 1944 a cost of living increase of \$100 was granted all teachers. This year it has been necessary to continue this \$100 increase and to add another \$100 making a cost of living increase for 1945 of \$200.

This increase does not affect the basic pay schedule and is for the year 1945 only. Scarcity of teachers and a general upward

trend in teacher's salaries have made such adjustment necessary. The policy for 1946 will be determined at the end of this year.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPERATION

Last year the town was advised by the Howard Fund Trustees that full support of the high school would not be available in 1944. Again this year we are obliged to assume financial responsibility for part of the operational cost. We would seem to have no choice in this matter. The town must maintain a high school and must therefor assume such costs as have ceased to be met by the Howard Fund. An amount of \$1500 has been included in the budget for "High School Operation".

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

War conditions and the findings of the Army physical examiners made it mandatory that high schools include a physical education program in their curriculums. Such a program has been carried on in West Bridgewater for the past two years but under unsatisfactory conditions. It is essential in any physical education class that dressing rooms and showers be available. At present the girls must change their clothes in a small room connected with the Domestic Science room and in the girls toilet, which incidentally is unheated. The boys have two very small locker rooms where they can change. There are two showers in the boys room. However, with no heat in this room either, it is a question whether there may not be more harm than good results from the taking of showers.

Both the boys and girls basketball programs are seriously hampered by the size of the gymnasium itself. The small floor and the low ceiling handicap our teams both at home and away. Games are hard to obtain because many outside teams do not care to play on such a small floor.

## REPAIRS

During the past year the Committee has continued its policy of keeping our buildings in as good condition as possible. Cochesett School (outside) has been painted. Leakage of water into the basement at Sunset Avenue was corrected as far as possible by relaying the tile drains that carry the roof water from the building. There is still some seepage in the basement, probably due to the fact that the land on the West side slopes toward the building instead of away from it.

A new and larger coal bin, one that conforms more to the style of the school itself, was constructed to replace the one formally in use at the Jerusalem School.

At the Center School a small office was partitioned off the hall for the use of the principal. General repairs were made to the outside of the rear building. Keeping this school in condition continues to be a major problem. The floors in all of the rooms need relaying.

## PARENTS' VISITING DAYS

Your Committee commends the efforts of the teachers in making provisions for Parents' Visiting Days. These were well attended at all of the schools during Education Week in November. We repeat our belief expressed in our report last year that "cooperation among all groups, school committee, parents, townspeople in general, teachers and pupils, leads to a maximum of educational service to the community". We are especially pleased to note the formation of a West Bridgewater Parent Teachers Association. Such an organization can be valuable in helping parents gain a greater understanding of educational problems and procedures and in providing an opportunity for parents and teachers to become better acquainted with each other.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The most serious problem facing your committee is the housing of pupils in the years to come. Prior to the war many new

houses were built and consequently new families came to our town. In 1940 the population of West Bridgewater was 3247. Today it is estimated at 3650, an increase of  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ . New homes will be built in the post war period and additional school population may be expected. Increased enrollment during the past two years has caused a crowded condition in grades I and II at both Center and Sunset Avenue schools. There is every reason to expect first grade enrollment will be larger next year and for the next several years. Once again we urge serious consideration be given to providing for larger and more modern housing facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE E. PARKER,

Chairman.

JAMES A. KEHOE

ROGER F. TRACY

A. PHILIP ERBECK

MRS. RUTH E. CASWELL

SHERMAN H. PERKINS

## ANNUAL REPORT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee:

The first thing the Massachusetts Bay Colonists did after they had built their homes and churches was to establish a school. The express purpose of the school was to develop citizens who would be educated to carry on a free democratic government.

As the years went by there was a tendency to forget somewhat this original purpose and to emphasize cultural and academic education. The high school focused its attention on preparing boys and girls for college, and the elementary school concentrated on preparing for high school.

There has, more recently, gradually evolved the recognition that education should do three things:

- (1) Prepare for citizenship.
- (2) Prepare for a vocation.
- (3) Produce a healthy, physically fit individual.

In my report of two years ago I said "Citizenship means understanding and practicing the civic responsibilities and duties of the individual as an active, cooperating member of his community." We believe that our form of government and our way of life are the best that exist on earth today. It is necessary that our boys and girls be so trained that they are used to working together, that they can follow directions intelligently, that they can be depended upon, that they have a sense of responsibility. To achieve these results we must go beyond the confines of our text books.



The ability to work together, responsibility, dependability, and other desirable characteristics are learned things and we must provide opportunity in our schools for them to be learned. Management of pupil affairs in the school, participation in assembly programs, a chance to exercise self control, a chance to play together in organized games all help in developing citizenship. It is this type of thing that must be recognized and provided for in our schools. Both Miss Kett and Mrs. Miller have emphasized this phase of the work in their reports. Miss Kett, you will note, recognizes the needs in present day education and also indicates the difficulties the teachers are working under:

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Dear Sir:

"Education for life" is the theme of the educational plan of the Center School. The teaching of subject matter plays no small part in this plan but, in addition, boys and girls are so trained that they may better take their places as competent, efficient citizens in the community. To further this end:

(1) The function of each teacher is that of a capable guide, a wise counselor, and an efficient social engineer in the child's world.

(2) An Art Club under the direction of Miss Postle has been organized. Children who are especially talented or interested in art receive help and guidance.

(3) Miss Blaine conducts a girls' Athletic Club. These club members have had experience in acting as courteous and gracious hostesses at club parties.

(4) Many of the rooms have Home Room Clubs. These clubs continued the good work of previous years in preparing Christmas packages for Service Men. Letters have been received from two

near-by camps thanking the boys and girls for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

(5) Mrs. Mary Carr Baker, Public Health Education Worker for the State Department of Education has talked to the girls on "How Attractive is Your Personality?"

(6) Health Education is continued.

(7) Physical Education classes play an important part throughout the school.

A more modern and more efficient program could be carried on if more teacher time were available. A teacher in grades three and four cannot do much more than "keep school" with 49 pupils. In grades one and two a modern program of much pupil-activity cannot be carried on by a teacher who is responsible for 50 pupils and two grades. In grades six, seven and eight, three teachers are responsible for the work of three grades, divided into five divisions and consisting of 120 pupils. This necessitates many study periods, as only three classes can be participating at one time. With another teacher there could be six periods each day instead of seven, resulting in longer class periods and fewer study periods.

The teachers are eager and anxious to carry on and extend the good work started. They realize the changing conditions of society today. It is obvious that these changes have created a social situation entirely different from that of a few years ago. Therefore, they know it is not enough to cast education in terms of present subject-matter needs alone. It is necessary to make the child more effective in meeting these social situations and coping with them.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN F. KETT,

Principal.

Mrs. Miller's comments about the Boys and Girls Citizenship Clubs is especially significant. Any activity which will help boys and girls recognize their responsibilities is to be commended:

Dear Sir:

The year 1944 has closed on another pleasant and profitable year at Sunset Avenue School.

First of all, your attention is directed to the fact that we have available many new and up to date basic text books. We are thankful for these books.

In grades one and two there are forty-one pupils, which of course is rather a large group when you consider the fact that these children are in the formative years of their education. However, the work in this room is progressing exceptionally well.

We recognize, as all educators do today, that children progress at different rates in learning and because of this fact the pupils in grades three and four are receiving the same individual attention as reported last year.

We have a well organized Junior Police at the school this year. This is one of the projects under the Boys' Citizenship Club and it is their duty to care for the younger children on the way to and from school. The Citizenship Club is an organization of boys in grades seven and eight. We are pleased with the cooperation of children in the other grades; very few have been reported for lack of cooperation.

During Education Week the Girls' Citizenship Club did commendable work. They took charge of serving a tea for parents and friends. About seventy were served. The girls made most of the cake and sandwiches. The president and vice president poured.

Although it is not possible for us to have classes in Manual Training and Sewing at Sunset Avenue the eighth grade boys go to the Center School for one hour each Tuesday. The eighth grade

girls attend classes in sewing at the High School for one hour each Monday.

Sunset Avenue pupils have bought stamps and bonds generously. We had 100% pupil participation in September and October and over 90% in November. Grades three and four have been 100% for three months.

Respectfully submitted,

THERESA MILLER,  
Principal.

Citizenship is a broad term. It includes participation in the political and economic affairs of the community and nation. It also includes a recognition and understanding of those social arts that are so vital to the happiness and well being of the people of a nation. Music is one of the greatest of these. Music has been used through the ages to bolster flagging spirits, to provide an outlet for pent up emotions, to tell stories of the nation's prowess and accomplishments. The music of a nation acts as a safety valve in times of stress and strain. It is especially fitting that our boys and girls, in times like the present, have a chance to know music. They study it technically, they sing it for pleasure and for understanding, and they listen to it for appreciation.

It would seem proper that Mrs. Snow's report on the music in our schools should be included under this very broad and general heading of citizenship:

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to submit the annual report on the work in music in the public schools of West Bridgewater.

In general the plan has been the same as that of the previous year. The work in grades one and two is concerned with the learning of five or six rote songs a month, the singing of the scale, down and up, and simple skips in the major mode, and the application of syllables, through the ear, to many of the basic songs. It is my aim always to encourage quality of tone and to avoid any strain in vocalizing. A regular testing of the so-called "listeners" is made periodically.

In grades three, four and five the music lesson is divided into the presentation and studying of new problems in time and tone and in the singing of songs. Additional information on the composer, the age in which he lived, his contemporaries, and the style of music written, helps in the appreciation of music and broadens the scope of the pupil's understanding.

The upper grades and the high school chorus have done work in three and four part harmony.

Since the supervisor has had an extra half day each week, beginning from the middle of September, more time has been allotted to Matfield and to Sunset Avenue and more time made available for the three upper grades at the Center, where valuable written work and ear training have been presented in the building of the major and minor keys. With the use of the phonograph the classes have enjoyed discussions and listening lessons in music appreciation. Charts of the different instruments of the symphony orchestra have been shown and a study of the symphonic choirs begun. A member of the eighth grade, who plays the harp, gave an excellent extemporaneous talk on this instrument, its ethereal tone quality, the use of the seven pedals and the effects produced by the different styles in playing when special tone coloring is desired.

Twenty-five hundred years ago Confucious said "you can know what subjects the people have been taught. If they show themselves big-hearted and generous, bland and honest, they have



learned from the book of music." It is interesting to note that the ability to play the flute was a required part of the education of the Greek youth. Every stimulus that sets up a reaction in the human organism has its influence in shaping his character. What study required in our educational system sets up a series of reactions comparable to those of music? The ability to enjoy music furnishes an outlet for emotional expression. The teaching of this cultural art in our schools adds much to the social life of the boys and girls both now and for the future.

I thank you for your helpful suggestions during the past year and wish to express my appreciation for the courteous cooperation given me by the teachers in the system.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS J. SNOW,  
Music Supervisor.

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### VOCATIONAL PREPARATION

When we say that education should prepare a boy or girl for his life work we must think of that in the broad sense. Most of the work of our elementary schools is basic to preparing for a vocation. Especially English, arithmetic, spelling and science are basic to any line of work a pupil may later enter. We must recognize that the older, traditional college preparatory type of high school program has been replaced by a broader one that makes available for the pupil a wider range of preparation possibilities. We should recognize that every individual has certain interests and abilities, and that these interests and abilities should very largely determine the program to be followed.

Regardless of what course or program a pupil may follow in high school or after, his success is dependent almost entirely upon



satisfactory reading ability. Proper achievement in reading goes back to the first day of school in the first grade, and remains important throughout his school life. Success in the first grade depends very largely upon readiness to read. In other words every parent should ask "Is my child mature enough to do regular beginning reading?" It is difficult to answer this. After a few weeks the teacher can tell pretty well how the child is taking hold. To check the teacher's opinions, we have, for the past two years, obtained the services of the State Clinic to make an analysis of each child who seems to be having difficulty getting started. Frequently they recommend that the child wait until the following year to continue school. A pre-primary or kindergarten program would be helpful in such cases. However, lacking these, it is far better for the child to be home than to sit in school attempting to do something that he is not quite ready for.

All of our teachers are aware of the vast importance of reading. They all pay particular attention, insofar as possible in a regular classroom, to the special needs of the different pupils.

Mrs. Covell, in her report, emphasizes the importance of reading as basic to all other school work. Note the importance that Mrs. Covell attaches to interpretation and reflective thinking as a part of the reading process:

Dear Sir:

Reading may be considered a master key which unlocks the doorway to all other subjects. A child who has learned to read has not only developed the ability to recognize printed symbols and to understand them as words, phrases, or sentences but he also has learned to interpret and think reflectively about what he has read. We believe reading should be as carefully taught in the intermediate grades as it has been in the primary grades.

We have made this year a concerted effort to increase each child's vocabulary as an aid to reading and thinking, realizing

that self-expression and confidence generate from such knowledge.

We have found the modern textbooks with which our school has been equipped of inestimable value and have tried to utilize them to the fullest possible extent.

The children have eagerly co-operated in Red Cross, Tin Can and Paper Salvage Drives.

From September 6 to December 31, 1944 the pupils purchased War Savings Stamps in the amount of \$175.15. More than ninety percent of the children purchased a War Stamp each month thereby keeping the Minute Man Flag flying over Cochesett School.

Respectfully submitted,

ANASTASIA M. COVELL,  
Principal.

## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The third major job of education is to produce a healthy, physically fit individual. The foundation of good health and physical fitness is laid in the early years. Actual physical development of the whole body and corrective exercises for special disabilities are of primary and equal importance. A regular and well organized program of physical education for every child is an essential in any school system, and especially important for the ten to fifteen year age group. This group in West Bridgewater has little or no opportunity for an adequate program. The older pupils at Center School are able to have one period a week at the high school gym. The Sunset Avenue pupils have no opportunity at all. There is no opportunity for individual corrective work.

The high school physical education program is fully explained by Mr. Lindell in his report. However, it should be noted that

here, too, little can be done by way of discovering individual difficulties and providing for their correction. Neither the boys' or girls' physical education teacher has a room where tests may be conducted, records filed or equipment kept. This is an essential in any well organized physical education program.

The generally excellent programs for athletics, both boys and girls, is to be commended. Particularly is this true of basketball where both groups must take their turns in the gymnasium in addition to sharing it with the seminary girls. A complete program, however, is one that provides for intra-mural competition. Such a program would ensure participation by practically every pupil instead of the relatively small number now provided for.

Mr. Lindell's report on the high school is inserted here because of his noticeable emphasis on this phase of the school's program.

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Dear Sir:

I have the honor of presenting my annual report as Principal of Howard High School.

As we enter the fourth year of war, a three-fold task confronts the school. We must continue to give every assistance to the national government in the gigantic undertaking of winning the war with undiminished vigor. We must endeavor to preserve and develop all those essentials of education which will assure for every boy and girl a strong basic training for life, whether it be in time of war or peace. We must plan for the days of peace to come.

The year has been again characterized by the necessity of joining the other secondary schools in the nation in an active program of "all out for victory". The sale of war stamps and bonds

and the collection of tin cans continues successfully, although not as successful as the previous year. This condition seems to prevail in all schools. Physical education, pre-induction courses in machines, electricity, and aeronautics, and cooperation with the man power shortage all are making vital contributions to the war effort. Each of these activities is discussed more fully in previous reports.

The fall and spring issues of "The Climber" have been eliminated in order to cooperate fully with a town committee headed by the selectmen in the publication of a monthly news letter for servicemen of the town. The Climber staff, assisted by others, collects and edits news; the commercial department typewrites original copies and mimeographs the final letter. The importance of this project needs no comment.

The school now displays a beautiful honor roll dedicated to the graduates of the school who are now serving or have served in the armed forces of our country in the present war. This honor roll of more than 100 names was appropriately dedicated with impressive exercises early in the year, and now stands a fitting tribute to those graduates who serve their country in the armed services.

The second phase of the school's task is to maintain an even keel during the war emergency, retaining and developing within the limits of local conditions the basic educational subjects and processes essential to every pupil regardless of his future activities. To read, write, and calculate proficiently, to know and practice important principles of our American life, to possess salable skills, and to become mentally and physically fit are some of the considerations.

In forward looking schools the slogan for both boys and girls has become "Every boy (and girl) must be fit to fight and live". Military service physical rejections have focused attention upon the great need for an effective program of health and physical ed-

ucation in our schools. Every boy and every senior girl in our high school gets two forty-five minute periods a week of physical education, while the other girls are less fortunate, because of insufficient teacher time, in getting only one forty-five minute period a week. In order to build an adequate program of health and physical education to meet the present and future needs of our young people, the school must look forward not only to the assignment of more time for more classes in health instruction and gymnasium work to improve individual performance, but also to a substantial addition and improvement in physical equipment.

An important part of our physical education program, basketball, is creating a number of problems of grave concern. These problems have their origin in the inadequacy of our small low ceiling gymnasium with its utter lack of showers and dressing room facilities. Safety demands that the number of persons admitted to games must be definitely limited. As a result, after providing for pupils, only 20 seats are available to parents and others. The only way most parents can see their children play is to attend the games played away from home. Not only do opponents dislike playing on our floor but some have refused to do so, and the number is increasing. What is more important, our boys and girls are being denied the right to practice and play under conditions anywhere near equal to those provided by other schools. It hardly seems fair that our boys and girls should compete with others enjoying more modern facilities for the development of basketball teams.

A notable development is the extension of the girls' intramural athletic program to include field hockey in the fall, and soft ball, tennis, and archery in the spring. With basketball and bowling during the winter an all year program is provided for all the girls in the school.

In order to meet the needs for an appropriate science for non-college preparatory pupils in grades 11 and 12 an advanced gen-



eral science course has been added. This subject is a final course more advanced than general science and biology and deals primarily with the physical science in its practical applications to daily life.

Following the recommendations of an all Town committee of teachers on marking systems, the high school is now using a four step passing and one step failing marking system replacing the former outmoded three step passing and two step failing system. In order to conform with the lower grades numbers 1 through 5 instead of letters are used to indicate the various levels of achievement. This newer system conforms to the more common practices in recording pupil achievement.

Other activities covered in previous reports and still contributing much to the school's objectives are athletics, senior class play, one-act plays, Operator's Club, Press Club, Student Council, and the Girls' League.

The third task which confronts the school is planning for the days of peace to come. I again emphasize the urgency of planning for the development of a program of health and physical education that will really meet the needs of our boys and girls.

Yesterday we could afford to ignore geography. Today, however, with the disappearance of physical barriers between nations caused by the airplane and the realization that many economic and political problems have their solutions rooted in a knowledge of geography, this subject is demanding and will continue to demand a more prominent place in our high school curriculum.

Through the years Howard High School has steadily progressed, always adapting its program to meet the needs of the pupils and the community it serves. The greatest single obstacle obstructing the functioning of a modern and progressive program of education for our boys and girls is the lack of facilities and the limitations imposed by our present school structure. No



matter what conditions exist in this connection the teachers of the school will continue to serve to the best of their talents, but if we are to give our boys and girls educational opportunities equal to that provided by most small communities, the erection of a modern school plant should be given serious consideration.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to all who have supported me so generously and so loyally in carrying out my duties and responsibilities as head of Howard High School.

Respectfully submitted,

NILS G. LINDELL,  
Principal.

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Proper attention to health is equally as important as the physical education program. This includes the annual physical examination by the school physician, sending of notices and following them up by the school nurse, planning and carrying out the various clinics, such as dental, diphtheria, tuberculosis, and Well Child Conference. The nurse and doctor are constantly on the alert during times when epidemics threaten. At such times opinion now leans toward keeping the schools open so that children may be checked daily for signs of whatever disease is prevalent. If the schools were closed it would not be possible to keep such a close check on the children.

It may be seen from this brief discussion that the work in health is generally preventive rather than corrective. A reading of the reports of the doctor and nurse which follow gives a complete picture of the scope of their work:

Dear Sir:

The annual physical examination of all the pupils of the schools was made in September. A thorough examination of the

lungs, tonsils, throat, heart, ears and spine was made to 604 children and the various abnormalities noted were: infected tonsils, caries teeth, heart murmurs, spinal defects, flat feet and asthma. I think it is gratifying to note that during my examination of the children I found fewer physical defects this year than last year, due no doubt to the splendid cooperation of the parents in having these defects attended to after being notified, and through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Lillian Hewitt, these cases were followed up.

One hundred and seventy students were examined in the high school. One hundred and sixty four were accepted for the gymnasium course. Six rejected, reasons for these rejections were two heart disease, four excused from games. Twenty-seven of those accepted had borderline defects that might be cause for rejection by army or navy examiners. As it was impossible to guess how these defects would be evaluated and they were not of a nature to prevent participation in the gymnasium program, they were given the benefit of the doubt.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held at the Town Hall in May of this year. Under the direction and cooperation of the Board of Health, and assisted by your school nurse, I gave three inoculations, three weeks apart, of Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin to forty-four children: there were no reactions, results satisfactory.

I have made inspections of the sanitary conditions of all school buildings, school rooms, and toilets and found them to be in accord with the requirements of the Board of Health.

I still wish to urge the parents to make frequent inspection of their childrens' teeth, to see that they are kept clean, and if decayed have them taken care of as soon as possible. Bad teeth may be the predisposing cause of many serious diseases. Enlarged tonsils are still more serious to health, and I found that many of these which I have sent notices to for the past three years have not been attended to. I wish to emphasize that this is very serious in regard to the health of your child.

I think it is gratifying to note that there were only 58 cases of contagious diseases in the community in 1944 as compared with 1943, when we had 290 cases. And, as in the previous year, the report shows that the majority were school children.

In concluding my annual report I wish to thank all the school teachers for reporting to the school nurse and myself all defects found among the children, which has been of great help to us. And I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Charles G. Taylor and to the School Committee for the confidence placed in me, and to Mrs. Lillian M. Hewitt who has been a kind and willing assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BELMORE, M. D.,  
School Physician.

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Dear Sir:

Dr. A. O. Belmore, School Physician, examined the 439 children enrolled in the primary and grammar schools. 34 notices were sent to parents indicating throat and nose conditions should be further checked by the family physician for remedial care.

Other defects found were: 5 rheumatic heart conditions, 12 cases of carious teeth needing immediate attention, and 7 cases of wax in the ears.

When the feet were examined, 5 cases of flat feet needing remedial shoes and supports were found and 17 cases of poor posture; 2 cases of eczema were referred to the family doctor. There were 12 cases of impetigo and 4 of scabies, 10 pupils had swollen glands, 2 had inflamed eyes, and 3 asthma.

24 children were referred to the Guidance Clinic, held each year in our schools, for advice for proper grade adjustment. A

future hope is that all entering children may be examined to avoid repeating the grades and to assure progress.

The children's eyes were examined in the usual manner, eight obtained glasses. We have been promised the use of the Massachusetts Vision Test soon. It is said to be the most accurate way to test vision.

Audiometer tests were done on 320 pupils, 47 retested, 13 had defective hearing. Notices were sent and treatment assured in 12 instances.

4 cases of defective feet were referred to the orthopedic clinic and treated, 2 were treated at the Children's Hospital for posture.

4 with rheumatic heart conditions had a thorough physical examination, either by the family physician or at the Hospital.

12 had tonsils removed. 3 cases of mumps, 23 chicken pox, 8 german measles, 11 measles, 8 scarlet fever cases were reported.

Tuberculin skin test was done on 3 primary school children. Chest Xrays on 9 children were all reported satisfactory. One child attended Bailey Health Camp for eight weeks.

There are 9 physically handicapped children residing in town, resulting from poliomyelitis, spastic paralysis and heart diseases. One is hospitalized at present.

18 entering school children attended the Well Child Conference, 12 of whom had dental care. Further report on W. C. C. will be found elsewhere.

Over 400 home visits made.

#### *Dental Clinic:*

400 pupils were examined by Dr. Edmund Tobin. 45 were not in need of treatment, 250 had own dental care, and 85 were treated, 10 unfinished. Many others would have been treated, but time was not available. The Red Cross contribution of \$50.00 made possible the dental examination and cleaned up several cases.

44 children were inoculated with diphtheria toxoid under the direction of the Board of Health, treated by Dr. Belmore, assisted by the school nurse.

Being constantly on the alert for pediculi helps keep our schools free from impetigo and other contagious skin diseases.

January 26, 1945 will be the first observance of Public Health Nursing Day.

An important feature to be stressed will be immunization against Small Pox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Scarlet Fever, and Typhoid. Successful vaccination is important at all times, but more so now. Fatalities occur each year in states where vaccination is not compulsory. Contacts are constantly made at this time and danger of epidemics is increased.

*Howard High:*

170 were enrolled and examined by Dr. Belmore. 17 notices were sent for removal of tonsils, 2 rheumatic heart conditions were found, 10 cases of carious teeth, and 2 cases of wax in the ear. 5 cases of athlete's foot are being treated outside.

67 tuberculin skin tests were done with 9 reactors. 12 check Xrays were taken of which 7 were negative, but no physical examinations were necessary.

There are still 6 carrying cases to be followed up while 5 previous cases have been discharged.

Minor wounds were treated and First Aid administered when necessary, followed by medical aid.

The teachers are careful observers and, together with the cooperation of parents and Dr. Belmore, we are able to maintain a fairly good health level. I am grateful for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN M. HEWITT, R. N.,

School Nurse.



## TEACHER CHANGES

There were again eight teacher changes in the past year. Six of these changes were due to opportunity for professional improvement.

Miss Ruth Blanchard is now teaching mathematics in the junior high school at Westminster. Miss June Canegaly is now teaching a single grade room in North Easton. Miss DeCoulos resigned to be married. Miss Miriam Hall is teaching in Attleboro. Miss Hughes resigned at the end of the year. Henry Pease has joined the staff of the Brockton School system. Mrs. Doris Smith is now a teacher in the Plymouth schools. John K. Young resigned to accept a position in a junior high school in Quincy.

The crowded conditions at the Center School where this year the average teacher load is 38 pupils, with 45 in the first and second grade room, and in the first two grades at Sunset Avenue, where there are about 40 pupils, demand some relief. A detailed study of various possibilities will be made during the spring so that plans for the fall may include improved teaching conditions wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. TAYLOR,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## Commencement Exercises

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CLASS OF 1944  
 HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL  
 Howard Hall, June Fourteen  
 at eight o'clock

### CLASS OFFICERS

President	Aaron Kalaijian
Vice President	Elliott Winn
Secretary	Muriel Thomas
Treasurer	Robert Swann

Motto—"Not finished, just begun"  
 Class Colors—Blue and White  
 Class Flower—Carnation

### PROGRAM

1. Processional  
     Howard High School Orchestra
2. Invocation  
     Mr. Leon C. Fay
3. The Star Spangled Banner  
     Audience
4. Address—Leadership for Tomorrow  
     Mr. Cameron Beck
5. Music—Liberty Under God  
     Howard High School Chorus  
     John Sacco



6. Presentation of Class Gift  
     Aaron Kalaijian  
     President of Class of 1944
7. Acceptance for School  
     Richard Goldie  
     President of Class of 1945
8. Xylophone Solo—Cradle Song (Brahms' Lullaby)      Brahms  
     Elwood Hall
9. Presentation of Awards  
     Good Citizenship Certificate  
     Washington and Franklin Certificate  
     Class of 1943 Scholarship  
         Principal Nils G. Lindell  
     William J. Howard and Anna Clifford Howard Scholarship  
         Mr. Clare Parker  
         Chairman of School Committee
10. Music—Festival Overture      Emil Ascher  
     Howard High School Orchestra
11. Presentation of Diplomas  
     Mr. A. Philip Erbeck  
     Member of School Committee
12. Class Ode      Elwood R. Hall  
     Class of 1944
13. Benediction  
     Mr. Leon C. Fay
14. Recessional  
     Howard High School Orchestra

## CLASS ODE

Tune: "*By the River of the Roses*"

Oh Howard High, we leave you now forever,  
 We'll miss you more and more as the years roll by;  
 The memory of the fun we've had together  
 Will linger in our hearts tho' we say goodbye.  
 Farewell to the teachers and friends that we knew,  
 Where'er we journey, we'll think of you and e'er be true  
 Although we'll meet new friends, we'll always treasure  
 The memories of the days e'er we said goodbye;  
 We'll meet again some day and share new pleasures,  
 But now farewell to you, dear old Howard High.

Elwood Hall

## GRADUATES

William F. Allen  
 William Frederick Ames  
 June Arlene Belmore  
 Eleanor Louise Blomgren  
 Minetta Elna Bourne  
 John Vincent Buckley  
 Aristides Charles Cavacas  
 Eleanor Ann Chadwick  
 Raymond Steele Chase, Jr.  
 Arthur Eugene Chaves  
 Marion Louise Corbett  
 Fridoline Rose Dansereau  
 Richard Kinney Erbeck  
 Harold A. Fisher  
 Alfred Maria Gambao  
 Elwood R. Hall  
 Eugene Paul Johnson  
 Aaron Joseph Kalaijian  
 Evelyn Eunice Lamb  
 Janet Olive Lawson  
 Mildred Rachael Lawson  
 Robert Ernest Lindgren

Eugene Dallas Lopes  
 Agostino Mario Lucini  
 June Georgia Lupien  
 George F. Madan  
 Ronald A. Manzer  
 Henry John Michalowski  
 Marguerite Judith Molla  
 John Wesley Noyes  
 James Warren Reid  
 Dorothy E. Reynolds  
 Clifton Granville Rockwell, Jr.  
 Shirley Marie Ryder  
 Robert Axel Sigren  
 Irving L. E. Steffin, Jr.  
 Robert Edward Swann  
 Muriel Thomas  
 Beverly Vee Turner  
 Ruth Marie Twomey  
 John Lloyd Tyrer  
 Robert William Verity  
 Howard Elliott Winn

# DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS

<i>Teachers</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Preparation</i>
Nils G. Lindell, B. S., Ed. M.	High	Principal and Mathematics	Tufts, Harvard
Jean F. Dwyer, B. S.	High	Commercial, Phys. Ed.	Salem Teachers
C. Warren Gardner, B. S.	High	Social Studies	Boston University
W. Edward Kincaid, B. S.	High	Science	Kent University
Ronald H. Humphrey, A. B., M. A.	High	English	Michigan College
Janice M. Rylander, A. B.	High	Languages	Boston University
Mary E. Seitz, B. S.	High	Household Arts	Framingham Teachers
Hubert W. Ward, A. B.	High	Manual Arts, Phys. Ed.	Boston College
Naomi White, B. S.	High	Commercial	Boston University
Ellen F. Kett, B. S.	Center	Principal and Arithmetic	Hyannis Teachers
E. Faye Postle, B. S.	Center	Social Studies	Bridgewater Teachers
Eleanor Blaine, B. S.	Center	English	Boston University
Marjorie Davis, B. S.	Center	Grades 4-5	Plymouth N. H. Teachers
Mary Campbell, B. S.	Center	Grades 3-4	Fitchburg Teachers
Mrs. Gertrude A. Pillsbury	Center	Grades 1-2	Hyannis Teachers
Mrs. Theresa M. Miller	Sunset Ave.	Principal and Grades 7-8	Brockton Bus. U.
Mary Voudouris, B. S.	Sunset Ave.	Grades 5-6	Bridgewater Teachers
Katherine Rogers	Sunset Ave.	Grades 3-4	Bridgewater Teachers
Elsie Minardi, B. S.	Sunset Ave.	Grades 1-2	Hyannis Teachers
Mrs. Anastasia M. Covell	Cochesett	Principal and Grades 4-5	Fitchburg Teachers
Mrs. Marian B. Lukaweski	Cochesett	Grades 1-2-3	Castine Normal
Gertrude J. Ward	Matfield	Grades 1-2-3	Perry Normal
Mary Nelson, B. S.	Jerusalem	Grades 1-5	Bridgewater Teachers
Mrs. Lois J. Snow	All	Supervisor of Music	Hyannis Teachers
Charles G. Taylor, A. B., Ed. M.	All	Superintendent	U. of Me., Harvard

# FINAL REPORT

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL HOUSING

### West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

### January 1945

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At the annual meeting, March 13, 1942, it was voted under Article 10, to authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of eight to study the school housing situation in West Bridgewater.

The moderator appointed the following committee:

Ralph Frellick, Chairman

Lloyd Tyrer

Charles Taylor

Roger Tracy

Arthur Read

Mrs. Grace Keenan

Leon Lothrop

Mrs. Stanley Freeman

Fred Bisbee was later appointed to replace Arthur Read, who joined the army.

During the year of 1942, the committee was very active. The Committee met at the several school buildings so that they might study conditions at first hand; discussed problems in general with the superintendent of schools who has been a member of this committee; had the State Department of Education make a survey of the school housing situation; and made a report to the annual town meeting in March 1943.

Portions of the report of the State Department of Education follow:

"After several visits to the school at West Bridgewater and following a series of conferences, the committee presents its report under the following topics.

*General Statement*—It is obvious, of course, that all recommended construction is to be "AFTER THE VICTORY". It is

understood that there will be a return to normalcy with relation to bus schedules, priorities, building materials, labor, etc.

*Building Activity*—The committee is unanimous that there should be an extensive school building program at West Bridgewater. In a pamphlet entitled "The School Building Situation and Needs", Bulletin 1937, No. 35 published by the U. S. Office of Education, the statement is made that "A School Building which is over 30 years of age is obsolescent from both an educational and constructional point of view." It is recognized that not only the students of the junior and senior high school age, but also the students of the first 6 grades, should have the benefits of a modern building.

In a sentence these advantages are summarized as follows: auditorium, gymnasium, library, cafeteria, laboratories, health clinic, modern classrooms with adequate heat, light, and ventilation, enabling a modern educational program. Consequently, the committee is making the specific recommendation as given below. It should be stressed, also, that there should be an adequate building lot, centrally located. Someone has made the statement that a new high school building should never be erected on smaller than a 10 acre lot, so as to have play areas.

It is impossible to disassociate a school building program and the school educational program. Buildings will either limit or allow for proper expansion or revision of any educational program. In West Bridgewater it is immediately apparent that education is limited by building facilities and that a building program is advisable. From a study of general physical and geographical conditions it seems advisable to recommend a central consolidated school.

The West Bridgewater schools do undertake offerings in commercial and domestic science and have adapted somewhat their program of education so as to point out relationships of the traditional courses to the realities of life.

It has been demonstrated in high schools, through sustained programs of home making, agriculture, and shop work based upon

the common needs of the community, that a relatively small school system can go a long way toward equipping its youth with valuable economic appreciation, information and vocational practices, which are invaluable in their youth's adjustments to earning a living.

The present school buildings in West Bridgewater offer very small opportunity for the expansion of their present vocational program. Its old school buildings, spread over the entire town, cannot possibly be adapted for maximum use in such a plan.

Any new school housing program should be planned with the above conclusions in mind and for any new departures which may be undertaken.

Steps should be immediately taken to inform a substantial body of citizens regarding all this, to the end that support can be secured for a school building program which will give West Bridgewater's children opportunities of the types referred to which have been proven feasible in small towns."

No further report was made in 1944 but during the past year, many meetings have been held, and a considerable amount of time has been spent in the discussion of the problems confronting us. The school committee has met with us on two occasions. Through their cooperation, statistics have been compiled and general information furnished which has proved most valuable to the special committee.

In making the study of the school housing situation in town, it was considered necessary to analyze the plant from the following viewpoints:

1. *Physical features*
  - A. Condition of existing buildings and equipment.
  - B. Housing facilities in relation to pupil enrollment.
2. *Educational Requirements*
  - A. Adequacy of present arrangement.
  - B. Changes needed.**



Throughout this report, we have tried to make a clear cut division of our investigation as it applies to the high school and to the other schools of the town.

To avoid confusion it seems well to define terms designating the several grade levels. At the present time, our local system is organized on an 8-4 basis, that is, 8 years in elementary and grammar school, and 4 years in high school. The recommended organization is on the 6-6 basis, allowing for 6 years in elementary school and 6 years in the secondary (combined Junior-Senior high) school.

#### *Elementary and Grammar Schools*

An analysis of the physical features of the several buildings shows much that is satisfactory and likewise much to be desired in the light of the demands of present day education.

The following table deals with the age, the size, and some of the physical features of these buildings.

SCHOOL	CENTER FRONT	CENTER REAR	SUN.	COCH.	JER.	MAT.
Age of Building	45	36	20	90	100?	?
Number of Rooms	2	4	4	2	1	1
Heating:						
Type	Hot Air	Hot Air	Steam	Steam	Hot Air	Steam
Condition	Poor	Poor	Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Excellent
Ventilation:						
Type	Convection	Convection	Fan	Fan	Convection	Fan
Condition	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Good
Toilet System:						
Adequacy	Good	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Good
Sanitation	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Storage Space:						
Janitor's Supplies	Poor	Poor	Fair	Fair	Good	Poor
School Supplies	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good
Books	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Poor	Good
Classrooms:						
Size—Utilization	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Good
Sufficiency	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Illumination:						
Light (Artificial)	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good
Light (Natural)	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair	Poor	Fair
Glass Area	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair	Fair	Fair
Principal's Office	Yes	Yes	None	—	—	—

All buildings are of wooden construction throughout and are in a very satisfactory condition with respect to repairs.

None of the buildings, with the exception of a two-room addition at Sunset Avenue, is less than 35 years old. The addition is 20 years old.

The age of a building is, of course, in itself not a determining factor. It is, however, a most important one if we consider the advancement that has been made in the general field of school-house construction, and then list the discrepancies which exist between these standards and those which obtain in many of our school buildings.

In no building is there an assembly hall of any kind, a room for physical training, or a general reading room or library.

No rooms are provided for the school nurse; for the dental clinic; or for special help, guidance, and conference, and in only one building is there a teacher's room.

Particular attention is given to some of these needs in a later part of this report.

Let us next consider the adequacy of those buildings.

The following tables show the distribution of pupils in the several schools.

	Rooms	Teachers	Grades	Grades per Room (ave.)	Pupils	Pupils per Teacher
Center .....	6	6	8	1½	227	38
Sunset Ave. ....	4	4	8	2	121	30
Cochesett .....	2	2	5	2½	51	26
Jerusalem .....	1	1	5	5	20	20
Matfield .....	1	1	3	3	19	19

Examination of the above shows a pupil-teacher ratio in the elementary schools varying from 19 in Matfield to 38 at the Center School. The recent Boston survey has brought out the fact that 32 pupils per teacher is satisfactory if *both* teacher efficiency and costs are concerned. That number, however, is based on a *single grade per teacher*. Several of our teachers are teaching two or more grades and at Jerusalem one teacher has five grades.

Multiple grades are educationally undesirable, especially so as the number of pupils increases. All rooms at all schools are occupied. There is no way in which pupils may be grouped to better conditions except by some plan of consolidation.

Special attention should be called to grades one and two (both in one room) at the Center, with one teacher and 45 pupils; and grades one and two at Sunset Avenue with 40 pupils in one room.

The table below gives a comparison of the present enrollment and the estimated enrollment for the school year 1946-47, in the elementary schools.

	Pupils 1944-45	Pupils 1946-47	Pupil-Teacher Ratio	
			1944-45	1946-47
Center	227	253	38	42
Sunset Ave.	121	138	30	34
Cochesett	51	52	26	26
Jerusalem	20	20	20	20
Matfield	19	19	19	19

Trends seem to indicate that these estimates are very conservative. Practically no increases have been estimated for Cochesett, Jerusalem and Matfield, but the multiple grade and the inefficient teacher placement still will persist in these schools. This estimated enrollment for the Sunset Avenue and Center Schools will further tax the already inadequate facilities, as shown below.

#### BY GRADES AT CENTER SCHOOL 1946—1947

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Pupils	28	28	28	23	17	43	41	45	253
Total Pupils	56		68			129			253
Rooms	1		2			3			6
Teachers	1		2			3			6

BY GRADES AT SUNSET AVENUE SCHOOL  
1946—1947

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Pupils	20	20	20	20	14	14	13	17	138
Total Pupils	40		40		28		30		138
Rooms	1		1		1		1		4
Teachers	1		1		1		1		4

While a discussion of the educational needs may not be strictly within the scope of this committee's work, these are affected seriously by the condition of our school plant.

To quote from the report of the Survey Committee of the State Department of Education:—"It is impossible to disassociate a school building program and the school educational program. Buildings will either limit or allow for proper expansion or revision of any educational program. In West Bridgewater it is immediately apparent that education is limited by building facilities and that a building program is advisable."

In addition to the foregoing we believe there are many desirable and essential features lacking. From these we select the following for consideration.

*Lunchroom*—At the present time no facilities are available. This condition exists in spite of the fact that in the Center School alone there are 194 pupils who eat their lunches at the school, while only 34 go home for the noon hour. At some of the other schools the problem is not so acute due to the fact that pupils come from shorter distances and are able to get home for lunches.

*Library*—Our public library is open one school day each week. Pupils in the Center School may use these facilities easily for this one day. Other schools are too far away to enjoy the advantages of the library, except as books are distributed to these schools in some instances.

Every school should have a reading room and library available for use of pupil and teacher.

*Nurse's Room*—No rooms are provided for this purpose at present. We should have in every school, a room suitable and available for a nurse's room, where dental clinics, physical examinations, etc., could be carried on without interrupting the ordinary operation of the school program.

*Offices*—The Center Schools are the only ones where an office is provided. Available space should be provided so that the building principals may have a certain amount of privacy when discussing problems with teachers, parents, pupils, and others.

*Special Conference Rooms*—Congested conditions leave no room free to use for this type of work. A room should be available so that teachers may have an opportunity to work with individual pupils, to work out programs of testing, to do corrective and remedial work, and for general guidance.

*Teacher's Room*—Only one building has such a room. There should be in every building a room with suitable toilet facilities, well-lighted, and reasonably furnished, so that teachers may have a place separated from the class-room and where they may have a certain amount of privacy.

*Manual Training and Sewing Rooms*—Special rooms should be available for manual training and for sewing classes in those buildings where these subjects are taught, provided the numbers desiring the work justify the outlay.

At the present time, if girls in grade eight at the Sunset Avenue School wish to take Household Arts work it is necessary for them to walk, or to ride and pay their own fare in order that they may take this work at the High School. In addition to this, no facilities, either room or teacher, are available for girls in grade seven.

Likewise it is necessary for boys at the Sunset Avenue School who elect Manual Arts work to go to the Center School for Manual Training classes.

*Playgrounds*—The playgrounds are inadequate in size and lack equipment necessary for any play program.



At the Center School we have a lot of approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres on which are placed three buildings. There is a pine grove at the rear and a driveway and parking lot in the front of the building, leaving far too small a play area for 225-250 pupils of both sexes.

The same number of pupils who must be considered with respect to the lunch-room facilities are those for whom playground improvement should be prime consideration. No well-rounded school health program can be operated successfully without a well-ordered playground and a certain minimum amount of equipment, so selected as to best serve pupils at the various grade levels using the play areas.

*Gymnasiums*—At the present time, due to the fact that there are no gymnasiums available, we have a physical education program in only one school. The pupils at the Center School are now going to the High School once a week for gymnasium work. This is the only school where such an opportunity for organized physical education work is available. But even this program necessitates a walk of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile in each direction, a condition which materially shortens the amount of time available for class work. Pupils wear school clothes during the gymnasium period; have no opportunity for shower or rub down after the exercise; and must return to school in this condition regardless of how cold the day may be.

*The High School*—Let us next consider the building which is used as a high school. Following is a brief statement of the physical features of the building.

Age of Building	69
Number of rooms	9
Type of building	Brick
Light (Natural)	Poor
Light (Artificial)	Poor
Heating and Ventilation	Poor
Fire resistance	Outside, good; Inside, poor
Exits and Fire Escapes	Poor

Toilet System	
Sanitation	Good
Adequacy	Poor
Classrooms	
Size—Utilization	Fair
Sufficiency	Satisfactory
Walls and Ceilings	Poor
Principal's Office	Fair
Teacher's Room	Poor

No provision has been made for the following:

Special Help Room, Nurse's Room and Clinic. A fair amount of storage space is available for school supplies, books, and janitor's supplies. Comments on library, auditorium, and the gymnasium, including locker rooms and shower facilities, are discussed along with other items from the foregoing table, in the following sections.

*Light and Ventilation*—In the matter of ventilation and light there is much to be desired. It is reported that the heat is inadequate. There is no adequate provision for circulation of the heat; there are no outlets or ducts to carry off foul air; and there is no means for automatic control of the heat.

In practically all of the rooms there is insufficient light and this to such an extent that the foot candle meter shows a far smaller amount of light on the inside desks of most rooms than is set up as the absolute minimum, and this in some instances even when natural light is supplemented by artificial light over these inside desks of some of these rooms.

*Size of Rooms*—Two of the rooms have floor area enough to provide for twice as many classes as can now use them, but neither of these rooms lends itself to any suitable plan of division.

*Fire Hazards*—The outside of the building is brick, but there is apparently within the building nothing of a fire proof or fire resistant nature with the possible exception of the boiler room.

All stairways are of wooden construction, are open from base-

ment to the top of the building, and all converge in a central hallway.

There is no safety latch on the doors opening from the assembly hall on to the fire escape.

In order to get to this fire escape on the south side of the building from the second or first floor rooms, pupils must go through a window, the sill of which is three feet from the floor. There are three steps inside the window, but there is a distance of fourteen inches from the top step to the sill. The window sill and ledge is twenty-two inches wide and there is a sixteen inch drop from this sill to the platform of the fire escape. The window, locked at all times, must be unlocked. The lower sash must then be raised before exit is possible.

The fire escape on the east side of the building is for the use of pupils in the east rooms of all three floors. In each instance pupils must step up eighteen inches to the top of a bench and then another eighteen inches to the top of the window sill. They then drop about two feet right into the path of those pupils who are coming down the fire escape from upper floors.

On the second and third floors, the pupils must go from the south room into the north room to reach this fire escape. The door between these two rooms opens into the south room against the flow of traffic. On the first floor pupils must go from the south room into the laboratory, and go the full length of the laboratory in order to reach the fire escape. Each of the openings to the fire escape is a regular window. This window must first be unlocked and lower sash raised before one can get out.

In the domestic science room in the basement there is only one exit, and this into the central hallway. The sills of the windows in the room are seven and one-half feet above the floor. There are no ladders or steps to provide a means of reaching the windows, which incidently are locked. In addition to this, screens are firmly fastened to the outside of the windows.

In the gymnasium we find that the window sills are approx-

imately four feet above the top seat of the bleachers. There are one-half inch mesh screens which are hinged and swing into the gymnasium. These screens are fastened with buttons. Once the screen has been swung back, shutters must next be opened to the sides of the windows and the window must be unlocked and raised before one can get out.

*Teacher's Room*—The only room available is one which must be reached by going through a regular class room and the library.

In this teacher's room there are no toilet facilities. The only toilet available is located near the south entrance to the building, one half floor below the teacher's room.

In this toilet room there is no wash bowl. It is necessary for teachers to go up this half flight, across the building to the north side and go down one-half flight in order to reach a wash bowl. Incidentally, no toilet or teacher's room is provided for men teachers.

*Emergency Room*—The only room available for emergency purposes, including care of girls and boys, as well as teachers, who may be taken ill, is the teacher's room, and as has been previously stated in order to reach this room it is necessary to go through a class room and the library.

*Library*—In order to reach the school library it is necessary to go through one of the large rooms. This large room is used for classes and the passing causes unnecessary interruption. If more than a dozen pupils are in the library there is no opportunity to do any work in a satisfactory manner, and it is of practically no use for class work. Space provided for books is inadequate.

*Offices*—The superintendent and principal share one office, a room about 12' x 14'. Such an arrangement, even if the room were sufficiently large, is most unsatisfactory for the proper administration of a school system.

*Gymnasium*—This room is a gymnasium in name only, although it does serve as a place where setting-up exercises may be conducted, and basket ball games are played there.

The fire hazards have been dealt with elsewhere in this report.

We find neither sufficient space nor facilities for installation of equipment necessary for a suitable program of physical education.

The floor space as well as the height of the ceiling is inadequate for proper conduct of basket ball games.

There is no office or other space available where an instructor may keep supplies, records, etc., so necessary in this type of work.

Only two showers are provided, both for boys, and these are located in the boys' toilet room.

Restricted use of the gymnasium makes it impossible for boys and girls on the school teams to have practice sessions for much more than an hour on three afternoons a week. This necessitates evening practice sessions.

Converted closets serve as dressing rooms for the boys and are inadequate for even the routine gymnasium classes. Each of these rooms is approximately 4' x 15'. There are no windows, no heat, and no means of ventilation in these rooms. Visiting teams as well as our own boys use class rooms as dressing rooms when games are played in the building.

A space approximately 12' x 10', partitioned from the household arts room is used as a girls' dressing and locker room. This locker room is not available during the day when household art classes are in session and girls taking gymnasium work must change their clothing in the toilet room.

When girls' games are played in the gymnasium, the visiting teams, as well as our own players, dress in this 10' x 12' locker room and in the adjacent household arts room.

*Toilet Facilities*—Those we have are satisfactory from a sanitary point of view.

There are too few however. Only four toilets and one wash bowl are provided for ninety-eight girls, while three toilets and four urinals must suffice for seventy boys. The situation is worse



even than it seems when we consider that under normal conditions our enrollment would be larger than at present.

In fact the toilet facilities are so inadequate that it is necessary to divide the school into two groups for the recess.

*Lunch Room*—Practically all of the pupils eat a lunch during the recess period. Some bring lunches from home while others buy sandwiches, soups, etc., prepared by the Household Arts classes. Tables are set up in the gymnasium for forty to fifty pupils. The others sit on the bleacher seats as they eat.

*Assembly Hall or Auditorium*—Every High School should have an assembly hall so equipped as to provide for the proper development of a sound extra-curricula program.

Such a hall should have an adequate stage and dressing rooms. It should be easily accessible, not only to school pupils, but also to others who would attend the various public programs offered. It should be large enough and so equipped as to afford sufficient opportunity for the educational and social development of the student body.

Present facilities in no way satisfy these requirements. Only restricted use of the present assembly hall is permitted. All furniture is movable and no provision has been made to hold seats in position.

*Special Rooms*—No rooms are available for guidance and conference rooms. There is constant need for individual conferences between teachers, parents, and pupils. It is essential that such meetings be held under best possible conditions and in the privacy and quiet of rooms adapted to the purpose.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

January, 1945

We believe that the foregoing report gives a true picture of the general school housing situation in West Bridgewater. More details would unduly lengthen an already voluminous report.



We have tried to be fair in our appraisal of the facts, and we believe that our recommendations are based solely upon these facts.

It seems quite evident that the citizens of the town should have insisted long since that better facilities be provided for the education of the town's children. Especially is this true with respect to the building which has been used for so many years as a high school. We believe that it is time that some radical action be taken, and we recommend to the town that a definite building program be launched at once.

This program must be based on a long range plan and must relieve the present need for housing as soon as the war emergency will allow. It should have a two-fold purpose.

- (1) It must plan for the replacement of our outmoded buildings by the establishment of certain elementary school centers, so equipped as to be able to offer proper educational facilities and so located as to best serve the children of the town during the future years.
- (2) It must plan for the immediate erection of a six-year high school building. The study which the committee has made regarding our school building and equipment convinces us that this is the first thing to be done.

Construction of such a secondary school building would serve definitely two purposes. It would house all of the seventh and eighth grade pupils in the town, as well as those pupils who are now in the regular high school. Such a plan would provide the proper housing, at least, for an up-to-date secondary school program. Secondly, it would relieve the pressure of numbers in the various elementary grades and grammar schools and would allow for a redistribution so that our instruction could be placed more nearly on a single-grade-per-room basis.

The logical locations for the development of these elementary

school centers seems to be at the sites of the Sunset Avenue and Center Schools.

We would recommend that in planning for the six-year high school building:

- (1) The building should be sufficiently large to satisfy the anticipated demands for a period of not less than ten years after the building has been erected.
- (2) That in addition to the regular classrooms there should be an auditorium, and a gymnasium adequate for the physical education program and for whatever social and indoor athletic program the school authorities consider advisable.
- (3) Rooms suitably equipped for instruction in household arts and manual arts such as local situation may demand.
- (4) Installation of sufficient extra room space so that provisions may be made for teachers' rooms, emergency room, clinics, general conference and guidance rooms, and administrative offices.
- (5) Provision should be made for the adequate lunchroom. Such a lunchroom should provide proper space and facilities.
- (6) Proper provision should be made for the installation of physics, chemistry, and other science laboratories, properly equipped.
- (7) Adequate provision should be made for library and reading-room facilities.

It would seem to the committee that perhaps we would do well to possibly step outside our authority in connection with this matter to make some suggestions relative to the general library situation in town. It is our belief that it might be well in considering the erection of a new high school, to consider

the possibility of housing our town library in the same building. We have a very fine library organization and have a very fine library insofar as books are concerned. We believe that it might be an even better and stronger part of our educational program if its resources could be made even more easily and extensively available for our school pupils.

We further recommend that a building committee be appointed. We have had inserted in the warrant an article for this purpose

LLOYD TYRER,  
ROGER TRACY,  
MRS. GRACE KEENAN,  
MRS. STANLEY FREEMAN,  
CHARLES TAYLOR,  
LEON LOTHROP,  
RALPH S. FRELICK,

Chairman.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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We have been confronted with many requests for an increase in pay to help meet the increase in the cost of living. After careful consideration we have recommended an increase of approximately 15% over last year's pay to all employees with the exception of the School Department, which has been granted increases by the School Board. This recommendation is for the year 1945 only.

The Fire Department is in need of a new chassis for the forest fire truck, and we recommend the sum of \$2500 be appropriated for this purpose.

We recommend the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated from Available Funds in the Treasury for the purchase of U. S. Government Bonds. This is less than last year, but we feel that with the reduced surplus revenue shown on our balance sheet this sum would be justified this year.

We recommend the appropriation of not over \$15,000 from Available Funds in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.

We have revised the Budget Report this year in an endeavour to make it of more value to the town's people. We welcome any comments or criticisms that will improve the report.

A table of Estimates by Departments, amounts recommended by this Committee, and report of Recommendations on articles in the Town Warrant appear on the following pages.

ALFRED T. WELLS, Chairman  
JOHN C. ELDRIDGE, Secretary  
LEON H. BELDEN  
HENRY C. BRADFORD  
WALTER D. CROWLEY  
HARRY J. POMEROY  
ARTHUR E. RYDER

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT

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Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers by Official Ballot: One Town Clerk for one year, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one for two years to fill vacancy, one Tree Warden for one year, two Constables for one year.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of March 5, 1945 and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Article 2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year not elected on the Official Ballot.

Article 3. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any



note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

**Article 4. The Finance Committee recommends such authorization.**

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for the same.

**Article 5. The recommendations of the Finance Committee for each Department appear in the Tables included in their report.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 6. The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to be used with any sum allotted thereto by State and County.**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a post-war rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Acts of 1943.

**Article 7. The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of the sum of \$10,000.00 from available funds in the treasury, to be used in the purchase of United States Government Bonds.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$75.00 for a clinic by the School Physician to immunize school children and pre-school children against diphtheria.

**Article 8. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for a "Well Child Conference".

**Article 9. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture (Plymouth County Extension Service) and choose a Town Director as provided in Section 41 and 42 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon.

**Article 10. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to build a side walk on Copeland Street from North Main Street to the Brockton line.

**Article 11. The Finance Committee does not recommend building this sidewalk this year.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for maintenance of Visiting Nurse Service in West Bridgewater.

**Article 12. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of preserving the Town Records.

**Article 13. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, in his discretion, but with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to sell any land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of a tax title and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all deeds necessary to effectuate any such sale.

**Article 14. The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase of a new chassis for the forest fire truck and conversion of same.

**Article 15. The Finance Committee recommends the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for this purpose.**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be used for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

**Article 16. The Finance Committee recommends this authorization.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the moderator to appoint a special building committee; appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$1,000.00, for the use of the committee; to

authorize this committee to determine a building site; to retain an architect; to obtain estimates; to consult experts if necessary; and to have plans drawn for a six year Senior-Junior High School Building, in accordance with recommendations of the Special Committee. They shall be authorized to render a report at the next annual Town meeting.

**Article 17. The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,000 for this purpose.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the special account surplus, \$39.75, remaining in Military Retirement December 31, 1944, into Surplus Revenue.

**Article 18. The Finance Committee recommends this transfer.**

Article 19. To see what action the Town will take relative to the collection of Dog License Tax.

**Article 19. The Finance Committee refers this Article to the voters.**

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

## BUDGET REPORT

Item No.		Average Expended 1941-1943	Expended 1944	Estimated 1945	Recom- mended 1945
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 8.5% of Total</b>					
1	Moderator	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2	Finance Committee	3.17	12.50	15.00	15.00
	Selectmen:				
3	Salaries	470.00	386.00	430.00	495.00
4	Expense	200.86	389.09	470.00	470.00
5	Town Accountant	739.52	804.30	820.00	920.00
	Treasurer				
6	Salary	800.00	800.00	1,200.00	975.00
7	Expense	427.40	381.01	500.00	500.00
	Collector:				
8	Salary	1,333.33	1,400.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
9	Expense	613.13	420.61	455.00	455.00
	Assessors:				
10	Salaries	1,040.95	939.00	1,200.00	1,380.00
11	Expense	342.66	418.10	500.00	500.00
12	Other Finance Offices	.....	.....	25.00	25.00
	Town Clerk:				
13	Salary	653.33	720.00	870.00	825.00
14	Expense	87.30	85.65	105.00	105.00
15	Election & Registration	516.51	1,126.62	600.00	600.00
16	Law	283.33	187.50	250.00	250.00
17	Town Hall & Offices	2,544.94	2,329.06	3,125.00	3,125.00
18	Preserving Old Records	6.27	24.66	50.00	50.00
Total General Government					\$12,315.00
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY — 8% of Total</b>					
19	Police	2,780.86	3,194.32	3,425.00	3,575.00
20	Dog Officer	46.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
21	Fire Department	2,720.94	2,572.54	3,100.00	3,145.00
22	Hydrants	1,406.67	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00
23	Sealer of Weights & Measures	76.43	84.70	100.00	100.00
24	Moth Suppression	2,137.37	2,011.28	2,350.00	2,450.00

Item No.		Average Expended 1941-1943	Expended 1944	Estimated 1945	Recommended 1945
	Tree Warden:				
25	Salary	305.44	350.00	300.00	345.00
26	Expense	310.22	550.00	475.00	535.00
Total Protection of Persons and Property					\$11,700.00

**HEALTH AND SANITATION — 1.8% of Total**

	Health:				
27	Salary			50.00	50.00
28	Expense	1,054.43	1,087.66	1,900.00	1,900.00
29	Inspector of Animals	61.17	93.21	125.00	125.00
30	Inspector of Slaughtering	2.45		100.00	100.00
31	Visiting Nurse	308.33	300.00	300.00	300.00
32	Diphtheria Clinic	58.33	75.00	75.00	75.00
33	Well Child Conference		50.00	50.00	50.00
Total Health and Sanitation					\$2,600.00

**HIGHWAYS — 12.3% of Total**

34	Highways	9,376.95	10,061.04	10,000.00	10,000.00
35	Chapter 80 Maintenance	968.18	967.49	1,000.00	1,000.00
36	Road Machinery	947.24	598.14	1,000.00	1,000.00
37	Snow Removal	774.16	607.48	2,000.00	2,000.00
38	Street Lights	3,769.07	3,762.48	3,793.68	3,793.68
Total Highways					\$17,793.68

**CHARITIES — 20.6% of Total**

	Public Welfare Administration:				
39	Salary	187.00	121.00	140.00	140.00
40	Expense	405.23	425.78	389.00	389.00
41	General Welfare	7,379.38	4,151.69	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Old Age Assistance:				
42	Administration	340.92	439.39	682.00	682.00
43	Expense	16,027.05	17,407.44	19,500.00	19,500.00
	Aid to Dependent Children:				
44	Administration	20.80	21.00	158.00	158.00
45	Expense	1,398.61	961.60	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Charities					\$29,869.00



Item No.		Average Expended 1941-1943	Expended 1944	Estimated 1945	Recom- mended 1945
<b>SOLDIER'S BENEFITS — 1.5% of Total</b>					
46	Soldier's Benefits	775.16	1,634.18	2,160.00	2,160.00
	Total Soldier's Benefits				<u>\$2,160.00</u>
<b>EDUCATION — 44.8% of Total</b>					
47	Schools	50,672.51	58,788.99	63,221.00	63,221.00
48	Library	1,251.75	1,317.91	1,763.00	1,763.00
	Total Education				<u>\$64,984.00</u>
<b>RECREATION — .6% of Total</b>					
49	Monument Grounds & Parks	632.49	731.82	850.00	850.00
	Total Recreation				<u>\$850.00</u>
<b>CEMETERIES — .1% of Total</b>					
0	Care of Cemeteries	93.03	57.50	150.00	150.00
	Total Cemeteries				<u>\$150.00</u>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED — 1.2% of Total</b>					
1	Town Reports	462.70	462.40		
2	Memorial & Armistice Day	178.93	140.35	200.00	200.00
3	Insurance	1,578.23	1,246.26	1,388.04	1,400.00
4	County Aid to Agriculture	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5	Interest			100.00	100.00
5	Reserve Fund	1,054.37	465.08	*3,000.00	*3,000.00
	Total Unclassified				<u>\$1,800.00</u>
	* Taken from Overlay Surplus				
<b>CIVILIAN DEFENSE — .6% of Total</b>					
	Civilian Defense	1,959.97	1,495.75	900.00	900.00
	Ration Board	644.63	306.21		
	Total Civilian Defense				<u>\$900.00</u>

Item No.		Average Expended 1941-1943	Expended 1944	Estimated 1945	Recom- mended 1945
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE</b>					
	Water Department:				
59	Salary	440.75	469.80	500.00	550.00
60	Expense	10,127.97	10,369.00	9,850.00	9,850.00
	Total Water Department				\$10,400.00
<b>MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST</b>					
61	Water Bonds & Notes	3,046.67	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
62	Interest	157.47	60.00	30.00	30.00
	Total Maturing Debt and Interest†				\$2,030.00
	† Taken from Water Revenue				
63	Total budget recommendations				145,121.68
64	Total recommended, special articles				3,500.00
65	Total, all recommendations				\$148,621.68
66	Estimated State charges, county taxes, T. B. hospital assess- ment, assessors' estimate of overlay, and other amounts required by law to be raised				24,696.82
67	Grand total, Recommendations and Estimates				\$173,318.50
68	Deductions to compute estimated tax rate: Estimated receipts, income, corporation, gasoline taxes, from State, motor vehicle excise and other local receipts from other sources than taxation			45,995.27 2,200.00	48,195.27
69	Amount taken from Surplus Revenue to reduce tax rate				\$125,123.23 15,000.00
70	Estimated balance to be raised by taxes				\$110,123.23
71	Estimated tax rate based upon above recommendations, using assessors' current valuations				\$30.46

**RECORD OF TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND**

Insurance	\$3.95
Tree Warden, Salary Acct.	50.00
Tree Warden, Expense Acct.	100.00
Election & Registration	126.62
Fire Department	122.54
Highway Department	61.97
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